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Russians call in U.S. envoy

U.S. JETS HIT TARGETS IN HANOI AND HAIPHONG

SAIGON. — Hundreds of U.S. bombers attacking deep in North Vietnam yesterday caused "heavy damage" and left areas around Hanoi and Haiphong in flames, the U.S. Command reported. A Soviet freighter was reported hit at Haiphong.

An American spokesman said two U.S. aircraft were shot down. He said that the U.S. bombing caused "heavy damage" to petroleum storage facilities at Haiphong, North Vietnam's leading port, and the outskirts of Hanoi, the capital. One American pilot was rescued, the spokesman said, but two other American crewmen were missing. "The tactical air and B-52 strikes in North Vietnam apparently caught the enemy in a considerable state of confusion and disarray," the U.S. Command said.

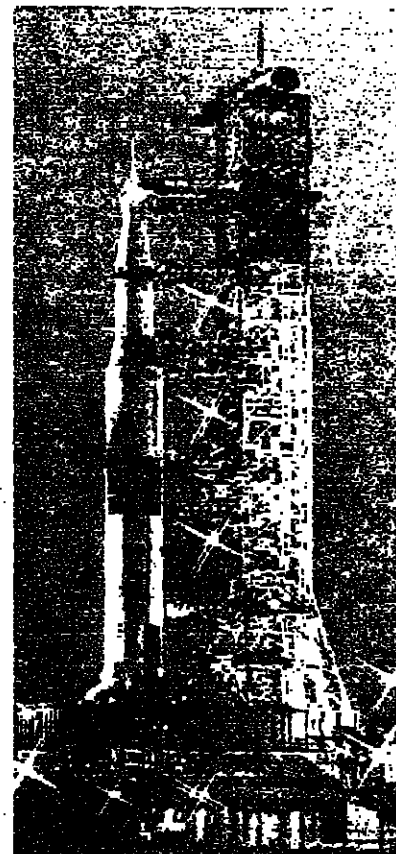
Radio Hanoi called the strikes "a death shiver of the bloodthirsty Nixon." It claimed North Vietnamese air defenses shot down 15 planes including an eight-engine B-52. It also said that a Soviet merchant ship was damaged in the Haiphong area and one of its officers wounded. No American planes have hit Haiphong since March 30, 1968. Former President Lyndon Johnson ordered a bombing halt in November, 1968.

In Moscow, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, condemned the U.S. raids and said the U.S.S.R. was "attentively watching developments of the situation." Continuation of present U.S. policy in Indo-China "cannot but lead to increasing complication of the situation in Indo-China as well as the international situation as a whole," Tass said. Later, U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam was summoned to the Foreign Ministry to hear an official Soviet protest about the bombings. (UPI, AP)

Our correspondent, Sam Lipski, cables from Washington:

President Nixon has risked the Moscow summit with his decision to send B-52s north to bomb around Haiphong and Hanoi, but the White House is reported confident that the Soviet leaders will not call off next month's high-level meeting. The possible loss of the summit talks was only one of the serious gambles, both military and political, taken by Mr. Nixon in a dramatic counter-thrust against the North Vietnamese offensive in South Vietnam. The B-52s were supposed to take the message to Hanoi that Mr. Nixon was not a prisoner of his Vietnamization and troop withdrawal policies and that the Communists did not have him boxed in during an election year.

But politically the latest raids may prove counter-productive if they revive the war as a damaging election issue amongst American voters who, so far, had shown comparatively little interest in the latest North Vietnam offensive. Thus, the three leading Democratic presidential contenders, Senators Humph-



Searchlights give a sparkle to this picture of the Apollo-16 Saturn V space vehicle and pad at the launch complex taken during the Countdown Demonstration Test. (UPI photo)

Apollo-16 off to the moon

CAPE KENNEDY, Florida. — America's Apollo-16 explorers streaked toward the moon yesterday to search a rugged mountain plateau for ancient volcanoes and further evidence that the moon was once a dynamic, evolving planet like the earth.

Navy Capt. John Young, Air Force Lt. Col. Charles Duke and Navy Lt. Comm. Thomas Mattingly thundered away from earth at 12:54 p.m. local time on the thrust of a 36-storey high Saturn-5 rocket.

Hundreds of thousands of persons in the Cape Kennedy area watched the start of the next-to-last Apollo mission, the only one intended to land in the moon's mountainous highlands. One television network official estimated that the blast-off was seen on TV by another 38 million viewers.

(The launching was shown live via satellite on Jordan television last night.) After orbiting the earth for nearly three hours, the rocket's third stage re-fired to thrust the spacecraft out of orbit and lifted the astronauts accurately toward the moon at more than 24,500 m.p.h. "We're looking good," said mission control during the five and one-half minute burn.

"Roger," said Young, "right on." "Houston, this is the most spectacular view you can possibly imagine," said Duke, "the most spectacular view I've ever seen."

Earlier at launch, the three stages of the rocket had worked with precision to put the spacecraft into an orbit of 110 by 108 miles.

"It's just beautiful up here," Young exclaimed. "Just really fantastic. And the thing worked like a gem."

The Apollo-16 mission is the first to the highland areas of the moon. The previous four manned missions to the moon all landed in flatland areas.

Apollo-16 enters a lunar orbit on Wednesday. On Thursday, Young and Duke plan to guide the lunar craft they call Orion to a precision landing on a high plateau ringed by mountain ranges. The touchdown spot is in the southern highlands, south-east of the centre of the moon's visible face.

They would be the ninth and 10th Americans to set foot on this alien world in less than three years. Young and Duke are to swoop to a landing on the Descartes Pla-

teau, about halfway between two mountains named Stone and Smoke. The peaks, each rising between 500 and 800 feet (152-244 metres) above the landing spot, are six miles apart and the astronauts plan to drive to both of them.

In blasting out of earth orbit yesterday, the astronauts overcame a helium fuel problem and fired the third stage rockets to shoot Apollo-16 on its way.

Young and Duke will take rock samples to try to discover if the moon's mountains contain volcanic material. Scientists want to know if the moon and the planet Mars were formed at about the same time. (AP, UPI)

Gov't warned: inflation must be curbed now

By DAVID KEVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Wide-ranging measures for curbing inflation were presented by the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sarbar, to the Government and the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Mr. Sarbar pointed to the alarming rise in the amount of money in circulation during the eight months ending in February, the rise amounting to IL565m. The solution, he said, was to make soft loans more expensive, prevent excessive wage increases, discourage speculation, and postpone Government projects for infra-structure development.

Mr. Sarbar's recommendations were contained in a 12-page report on the means of payment, which was exposed to a preliminary discussion in the Cabinet. The Cabinet then delegated the issue to the Ministerial Economic Committee, which will continue debating Mr. Sarbar's

document at another meeting later this week.

Among its proposals the report urges that foreign residents buying real estate in Israel should be denied the right to convert their money back into dollars. Also the premium charged for insuring foreign currency loans against devaluation of the Israeli pound should be increased from 3 or 4 per cent to at least four per cent — for all short-term loans from abroad. The aim of these proposals is to stem the inflow of speculative capital, which is inflationary. The report stresses that every encouragement must be given, as before, to constructive investments from overseas. As to loans, only long-term credits or reasonably easy terms should be accepted.

The economy is overheated, according to Mr. Sarbar. "The pace should be reduced from over-employment to full employment," he says. This means cutting the volume of investment slightly; that is, by the proportion which would go to waste anyway, owing to the short-

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BLACK GOLD

THE Netivei Neft Inquiry Commission has at last fought its way out of the thickets of conflicting evidence and legal argument, and two of its members, Justice Witkon and Mr. Avraham Kalir, have come up with a majority decision that Mr. Mordechai Friedman, the man who got the Abu Rodeis oil fields back into production within a month or so of the June war, should not be dismissed. He cannot, they say, lay claim to an impeccable character, but there is no evidence of criminal acts, and no reason why his services should be dispensed with.

Aluf Zorea, in his minority report, considers that there is evidence that Mr. Friedman did not tell the truth to the Commission on at least one important issue, and therefore declines to accept his explanations of other matters, and believes he should go.

But none of the three members of the Commission place credence in the charges of fantastic global conspiracies extending over various ministries, with Mr. Friedman as the kingpin, and one of the chief aims the exclusion from Abu Rodeis of Mr. Mordechai Chen and the Lapidot drilling company. The totally different and far greater technical problems involved at Abu Rodeis, they all consider, made it unlikely that the establishment of a new company, Netivei Neft, was a purely practical decision.

It is interesting that the Commission rejected the arguments that had been offered to Lapidot, concerning the need for secrecy and a paragraph in international law that forbids government exploitation of natural resources in an occupied territory, and rules that such work should be carried out only by commercial companies; a suitable secondary organization could have been set up that would have satisfied these requirements. Also, while Netivei Neft had not been communicative, they provided information to government agencies concerned had picked Mr. Friedman for the job, and there may have been faulty administration, but no sign of grave mismanagement.

The major spectre of fraud, conspiracy, thefts and nameless orgies has thus been laid. Dr. Neev, the Government geologist — who was excluded from Abu Rodeis together with Mr. Chen — observed rather sadly yesterday that if the Commission feels that under present conditions Mr. Friedman's actions were acceptable, if not above criticism, then something must be very wrong with present conditions. The Commission certainly recommends that far closer supervision should be exercised over Government companies.

On the other hand Dr. Neev himself, who has declared all along that he is fighting his battle in the name of justice, truth and scrupulous behaviour, should surely be having some serious second thoughts about the witnesses on whose reports he based himself, and who have been declared wholly unreliable by the Commission. He has the satisfaction of the support of the minority report in his demand that Mr. Friedman should go, but that cannot absolve him from re-examining the evidence he presented.

If the result of the investigation is not altogether reassuring, it could certainly have been a great deal worse.

Rafah Beduin won't be returned — Elazar

By ASHEK WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Rafah Beduin will not be allowed to return to any of the areas in the south of the Gaza Strip from which they were expelled, Chief of Staff R/A David Elazar told the Cabinet yesterday.

This ban is dictated by security considerations, R/A Elazar said, making it plain that it applies to parts which were fenced off in excess of the original orders — which action entailed disciplinary measures against the personnel involved.

R/A Elazar told the Cabinet he was implementing the recommendations of a committee which he had appointed to study rehabilitation projects for the expelled Beduin, elsewhere.

The Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Michael Arnon, gave reporters a few general points selected from these recommendations, but left many key questions unanswered, for what would ordinarily be classed as security reasons.

The Chief of Staff's rehabilitation committee, chaired by A/M Evi Rasky (a former Military Governor of Jenin) and composed of members from the Military Government (which will implement the recommendations) and officials from the Ministries of Agriculture and Justice made the following points, as the Cabinet Secretary informed reporters:

• The Beduin will be offered the choice between cash compensation, and rehabilitation sponsored by the Military Government;

• The Military Government will offer the Beduin rehabilitation in the form of housing, in the vicinity of existing inhabited localities, or in the form of allocations of land, for smallholdings;

• A special, rehabilitation team will be formed to carry out the rehabilitation projects rapidly.

These details, and others which were not reported, were communicated to the Cabinet for their information, not for their approval or (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

EGYPTIANS SAID FLYING MIG-23s

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian pilots now appear to be themselves flying Mig-23 fighter bombers, according to reliable informants who recently visited Egypt. Russia's ultra-sophisticated Mig's have so far been manned by Soviet pilots in Egypt.

The sources said the Egyptian flyers are now piloting some of the 24 Mig-23s stationed in Egypt. They added that the Egyptian pilots have already flown the planes on a number of reconnaissance missions.

News of the Egyptian pilots' takeover of some Mig-23s came amid reports that Egyptian personnel have replaced most Soviet experts at missile sites along the Suez Canal front.

The sources said that Egyptian President Sadat is pressing the Soviets to supply him with offensive weaponry. Egyptians were said to be complaining recently that Moscow had confined its large-scale military aid to defensive arms.

The Egyptians were yesterday reported to be reorganizing their security complex in various military zones stretching along the Suez waterway. Agence France Press last night said that the Egyptians have ordered more than 150 foreign residents of Port Said to leave the city within a few days. The news agency said these residents include

about 100 Greeks, 50 Italians and a number of French nationals.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sadat was yesterday reported to be planning to go to Moscow soon for his second visit to the Soviet Union this year. Cairo reports speculated that the visit may take place early next month, following Sadat's visit to Algiers, where he is due to confer with the Algerian and Libyan heads of state. But there are indications that the Egyptian President may visit the Soviet capital sooner since he has freed himself from all engagements from this Thursday through Sunday.

The Sadat visit to Moscow may not be linked to any specific development other than the forthcoming Nixon talks in Moscow. The Soviets were originally expecting to coordinate their Middle East position for the talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleb, but Moscow appears now to be favouring consultations with Sadat himself.

Recent information coming out of Cairo indicates that Sadat has been concerned about Soviet demands that payments for future supplies of arms be paid in dollars. Sadat is also said to be involved in talks with the Soviets over an outstanding debt of \$1,500m. Sources say Libya has promised Egypt \$800m to help pay this debt. Sadat reportedly sought the rest recently from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Three Syrian P.O.W.s escape

One caught in Tel Aviv bus station

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Three Syrian soldiers succeeded in making their way out of a prisoner of war camp "somewhere in the central parts of the country" during the early hours of yesterday.

One of the escapees, Jafer Ibrahim Hakim, 27, was caught only a few hours later while loitering in the vicinity of the central bus station here.

The missing men are Najji Taufiq Hamdu Abu Saleh, 28, and Isha, Bassen Ibn Abdu, 24.

The following description of the

two missing men was circulated by the Army spokesman here yesterday: Abu Saleh, 28, speaks only Arabic. He is 171 cms. tall, weighs about 73 kgs. and has an athletic build. He has a thickish lower lip and an elongated chin and face. His dense black hair is combed back-

wards. There are 44 Syrian prisoners of war in Israel, all captured in military actions since the Six Day War, military sources said. Three Israeli pilots are held in Syria, Israel also has 61 Egyptian P.O.W.s.

While there was no discussion, two Ministers did offer comments on related issues, touched on in the Netivei Neft report. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir pointed out that he had decided, before the Witkon Committee was set up, to examine the Government Corporations Authority's scope and prerogatives.

Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro added that he had already notified the

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Social and Personal

Mr. Rudi Sternberg, president of Keren Hayesod-United Jewish Appeal in Luxembourg, and Mrs. Sternberg yesterday called on Mr. Ezra Z. Shapiro, world chairman of Keren Hayesod.

BRIT MILA
HAREL — The Brit mila celebration of the son of Mr. Aharon Harel, head of the Organizational Department of the Histadrut, was held at Beit Leissa in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Israel whips India 7-0 in Bangkok

BANGKOK (UPI) — Israel, the defending champions, last night trounced India 7-0 after leading 2-0 at half-time in the 14th Asian youth soccer championship. Centre-forward Yitzhak Peretz scored six times, and outside-right Yehzekel Sinal got the other.

It was the third day of the tournament, and Israel's first appearance in Group A.

In Group C play, Burma beat Cambodia 5-0 and Indonesia downed Taiwan 3-1. Both winners led 2-0 at half-time.

Seventeen teams are participating in the tournament. They are playing off a round robin in four groups, with the top two teams in each group moving into the quarter-finals.

Moscow Jews protest slanted book on Israel

LONDON (ENA). — Thirty-five Moscow Jews have sent a letter to the information department of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, with a copy to the public prosecutor of the Soviet Union, Roman Rudenko, in which they complain about the book by Yevseyev "Fascism under the Blue Star," according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union.

The letter describes the book as an anti-Semitic outburst and demands that its author, Yevseyev, be charged with anti-Semitic propaganda, which is a crime under Soviet law. The letter's authors also demand that such publications be banned in the future.

The signatories to the letter received a reply from the office of the public prosecutor, in which it is stated that the letter had been directed to the Committee of the Writers' Union on March 31, 1972. The committee would reply directly to the signatories.

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union also report that an evening paper

Strife in Uruguay increases

MONTEVIDEO. — Several terrorist attacks, attributed to right-wing elements, were made yesterday against offices of the Uruguayan Communist Party and private homes of left wing militants, causing damage but no casualties.

Uruguay was in a virtual state of siege yesterday as the government declared all-out war on the Tupamaros left-wing urban guerrillas.

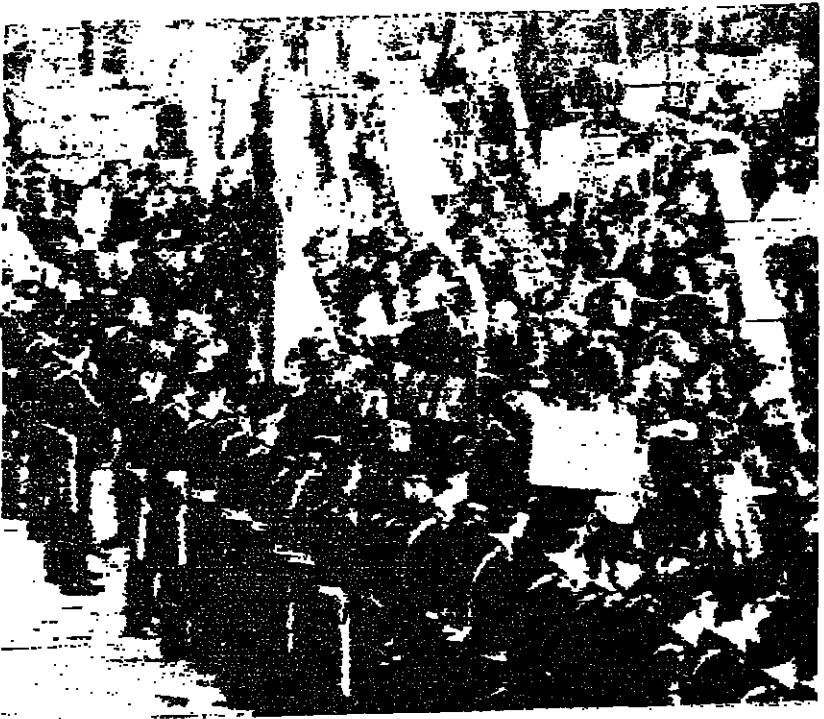
The government on Saturday declared a 30-day "state of internal war" and suspended individual rights for the same period in a bid to stamp out the Tupamaros.

BRINK OF CHAOS
The guerrillas have brought this country to the brink of chaos with kidnappings of foreign diplomats and murders of local officials. Their campaign reached a new climax of violence on Friday when they shot dead four people — a former government official, a naval lieutenant and two policemen — but suffered eight dead and some 20 captured.

The attacks yesterday morning damaged several offices of the Soviet-leaning Communist Party, which is critical of the Tupamaros and their methods. The party's headquarters was raided on Saturday by police.

Also attacked yesterday were the homes of Juan Carlos Crotogini, a physician who was vice-presidential candidate of the left-wing broad front in last November's general elections, Carlos Quijano, editor of the leftist weekly "Marcha," and Carlos Martinez Moreno, a lawyer.

FIRE — A fire yesterday destroyed a number of trams and trolley buses and gutted a tram terminal in one of Cairo's busiest districts. The blaze raged for two hours before firemen brought it under control.



Anti-Vietnam war demonstrators gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm on Saturday. Chain of policemen stopped crowd from entering the embassy grounds. (AP radiophoto)

Anti-war protest held outside White House

WASHINGTON. — About 800 anti-war demonstrators staged a peaceful sidewalk march on the White House on Saturday. An estimated 200 were arrested when they sat down and refused to leave Lafayette Park, across the street from the executive mansion.

Police inspector Charles Monroe tangled with one demonstrator who was wrestled to the ground and arrested. The officer came up with a bloody nose and his badge torn off.

Then the demonstrators gathered and walked two blocks to the building of the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., and about 200 of them picketed the building for half an hour. Later, the demonstrators headed for the South Vietnamese Embassy. The embassy had refused a week ago to see a delegation from a smaller group of demonstrators and police prohibited them from getting within two blocks of the embassy.

The day-long demonstration by the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice began in mid-morning at a Washington thoroughfare with two hours of speeches and discussion.

Meanwhile, Democratic presidential hopeful Edmund Muskie and Hubert Humphrey on Saturday night called the U.S. air attacks on the Haiphong area of North Vietnam a new escalation of the war and a "terrible risk."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, (D-Massachusetts) also termed the action "a reckless escalation." He said it was a wanton response to the utter failure of the President's Vietnamization policy.

Masses, Muskie and Humphrey made their comments at a Democratic fund-raising dinner in Detroit.

Asked for White House comment on the bombing, Assistant Press Secretary Bruce Wheelan said only that "we won't be having any statement this evening. We refer you to the Defense Department statement."

Chairman John Stennis, (D-Mississippi) of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who sometimes re-

ceives advance notice of important military actions, told a reporter that "I wasn't apprised of anything like this."

A Pentagon spokesman, told that the White House had referred all questions there, declined to go beyond the language of the Saigon statement that said the raids were conducted "in the vicinity of Haiphong."

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler was questioned several days ago as to who was masterminding the U.S. air attacks over North Vietnam. He said President Nixon, unlike his predecessor, Lyndon Johnson, was not personally selecting bombing targets. He said that was "delegated authority" but did not say who was calling the shots.

Death for two for war crimes

BONN (ENA). — Two men accused of war crimes have been sentenced to death in the Ukrainian city of Golovanyevsk, according to Soviet press reports.

The two men belonged to a Russian police force formed by the Germans during World War II. They were found guilty of having killed more than one hundred persons, including Jews and non-Jews having contacts with Soviet partisan groups.

8-LB. EMERALD SAID TO EXIST

GENEVA (UPI). — Swiss customs authorities yesterday confirmed the long-rumored existence of a fabulous emerald weighing about eight lbs. and possibly worth as much as \$125m.

They said the stone had been kept under strong guard in a safe at the Geneva customs depot last November, "but it is no longer here," one official said. "We are unable to say a thing. This stone was in fact in a safe in the depot but isn't any more."

Mr. Vincent Hutter, a reporter for the Geneva newspaper "La Suisse," said he recently saw a photograph of the emerald which experts say is "the eighth wonder of the world." Mr. Hutter said it is hexagonal with an uneven top.

Mr. Serge Fradkoes, director for Europe for famed American jeweler Mr. Harry Winston, said: "I've heard about this fabulous stone, and it interests me greatly. If it's for sale, I can't understand why it hasn't been offered. I'm waiting impatiently for an offer."

The largest emerald known weighs one pound and a half. It's value is estimated at \$50m.

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decision. None of the Ministers reportedly objected or added qualifications of their own, and the recommendations were not debated.

The Cabinet Secretary declined to tell reporters how much money would be budgeted to finance the rehabilitation projects. He declined to say how many heads of families, or souls, were involved, and he could only give a general indication as to the site of the resettlement envisaged — "around the Strip and Rafah." He referred all detailed questions to the Military Government spokesman.

A/M Zvi Rasky was present at the Cabinet session while R/A Elazar delivered his report.

The Chief of Staff's rehabilitation committee was the second panel set up in connection with the Rafah Beduin. Its establishment had been announced by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, when he reported last month on the findings of the first committee, which had pointed to Army officers exceeding their orders in regard to the manner and extent of the fencing operations, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip.

Tanzania issues warning to Portugal

DAR-ES-SALAAM (UPI). — Tanzania warned Portugal yesterday it will resolutely defend its territorial integrity and Portuguese action will never deter Tanzania from continuing its support for liberation fighters in Portugal's African territories.

Tanzania on Saturday had announced that a Portuguese plane was shot down in southern Tanzania, during an air attack from Portuguese-ruled Mozambique on Friday.

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JOHANNA ROTHSCHILD

The funeral will leave from Ichilov Hospital, Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, April 18, 1972 at 1.30 p.m.

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- Ruth Tevel, Haifa
- Susi Asher, Kiryat Ono
- Werner Oppenheimer, Amstralls and families

Lebanese start voting

BEIRUT (UPI). — Lebanese began voting at 7 a.m. yesterday in Beirut and North Lebanon in the first phase of the country's three-stage general election.

Half a million Lebanese were eligible to elect 16 members of parliament in the capital and 25 in the north.

Premier Saeb Salam, who is running in Beirut, cast his vote at 8.30 a.m.

The election, held every four years for the 99-member parliament, is taking place on three successive Sundays so that security forces will not be required to cover the whole of the country.

Next Sunday deputies will be elected in the Bekaa Valley bordering Syria, and in South Lebanon. On April 30, voters from the Mount Lebanon area, east of Beirut, will go to the polls.

One of the main tasks facing the new chamber will be to decide on a controversial draft law governing political parties. Left-wingers accused the government of seeking through the legislation to withdraw its authorization of such leftist parties as the Communist party, the Baath party, with its Syrian and pro-Iraqi faction, and the nationalist social party.

Jarring to resume bid, Cairo says

CAIRO (UPI). — U.N. Middle East envoy Gunnar Jarring is not thinking of terminating his mediation efforts, "Al Ahram" said yesterday. It said that Dr. Jarring was "unsettled" about reports in Israel and other foreign newspapers that he wished to quit.

The Swedish diplomat was expected to fly to New York shortly to hold further discussions on the future of his mission, the newspaper said. It added that Dr. Jarring had assured Egypt's representative in Moscow that he wished to continue his role.

Doctors doubt I.T.T. lobbyist health excuse

WASHINGTON (AP). — Two doctors who independently examined Mrs. Dita Beard before she testified before a U.S. Senate committee said Saturday they found no evidence of heart disease.

Though not completely ruling out another doctor's diagnosis that the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. lobbyist had angina pectoris, Drs. Joseph Snyder and Ray Pryor of Denver said, "There were no positive findings from a physical examination, electro-cardiogram or chest X-rays."

In a telegram to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator James Eastland, the two doctors said the only evidence that Mrs. Beard has a heart condition came from her own description of chest pains.

Mrs. Beard is the alleged author

China's pandas arrive in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Two giant pandas, given to the people of the U.S. as a gift of the Chinese people during President Nixon's Peking visit, arrived at their new home yesterday.

The 18-month-old black-and-white bear-like animals landed at Andrews Air Force Base, shortly before 1 p.m. local time, aboard a special military plane that left Honolulu Saturday on the last leg of their flight.

The pandas will reside in special air-conditioned quarters at the National Zoo in Washington.

The animals, which will be about 136 lbs. when full-grown, were reported in fine condition during the long trip, and each reportedly ate about 25 lbs. of bamboo leaves and stems each day.

Dr. Theodore Reed, director of the National Zoo, who took two North American musk oxen to China after the Nixon visit, accompanied his new charges to their new home.

Early jumbo-jets 'unsuitable'

WASHINGTON. — Airlines flying the early, under-powered models of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet have found them unsuitable and would like to sell them, according to Congressional testimony released yesterday.

The Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Otto Glasser, told an appropriations committee hearing last February that the Air Force had looked into the possibility of buying Boeing-747s from the airlines for use as its advanced airborne post.

"The only 747s that airlines were willing to dispose of were early models of the 747s, which have the light engines," he told the House of Representatives committee, "and the very reason they wanted to get rid of them is the reason that we do not want them."

General Glasser said both the Air Force and the airlines want the higher-powered later models of the 747.

Boeing company officials acknowledged that some of the early models had some trouble taking off from standard 7,500-foot runways, and that some airlines have sold or would like to sell these underpowered aircraft.

'Al Ahram' reports: Egyptians serving in Libya disliked

CAIRO (AP). — A feeling of discontent and anger is gradually spreading among the Egyptians against the Egyptians serving in Libya, "Al Ahram" reported yesterday. The daily wrote: "Egyptian colonialism... expansion... are among the terms one often hears in Libya these days."

In a long report by its correspondent who returned recently from Libya, "Al Ahram" said: "The Egyptians are being blamed for any government measure which the Libyans consider to be against their welfare."

When the Libyan government announced the "Jihad tax" (holy war tax) to help Egypt fight against Israel, Libyans reacted by calling it "the tax of Egyptian presence in Libya," according to the paper.

It said that 50,000 Egyptians are serving in Libya, including military experts, teachers, doctors, engineers and skilled workers. "Hearing many such remarks, the Egyptians in Libya refrain from social relations with the Libyans. This was misinterpreted by the Libyans," said the paper. It did not elaborate.

The paper said that Libyan strongman Col. Muammar Gaddafi and his government were "doing their best to give the Libyans a better picture of Egypt and the Egyptians. But this is not enough. Governments and political institutions in the free world must take more practical steps to bring the two peoples closer to each other."

Three British soldiers shot dead in Ulster

BELFAST (UPI). — Irish Republican Army attackers killed a British officer and two soldiers yesterday in apparent vengeance for the killing of an I.R.A. officer 24 hours earlier.

Two soldiers died in attacks in Londonderry's Roman Catholic Bogside and Brandywell districts and sniper fire killed a lieutenant in a mobile patrol moving with troops through the Catholic Divis apartment complex in Belfast's Lower Falls district, an Army spokesman said.

The deaths brought the fatality toll in almost three years of escalating violence in Northern Ireland to 307.

They came as snipers fought gun duels with troops knocking down barricades in Catholic areas of Belfast to prevent the I.R.A. from turning the areas into fortified strongholds.

With gunfire echoing in the distance, about 1,500 men and women held a rally in Belfast's Catholic Andersonstown yesterday to "express their support for the I.R.A."

Mrs. Moira Drum, an I.R.A. women's leader, and other speakers denounced a truck surrounded by green-bereted I.R.A. youths, standing in military ranks.

She exhorted women to give I.R.A. men every support, opening their homes to them and providing food and beds.

"I'm not against peace," Mrs. Drum said. "But it must be a peace with justice. The fight of 50 years must be continued until it's won."

She announced street committees would be elected to police the district and organize street cleaning and other services independent of the city administration — as has happened in I.R.A. strongholds in Londonderry.

Another speaker, Mrs. Nan Sanders, whose 20-year-old son died in a recent clash with British troops, told the rally: "Till the day I die, the I.R.A. will have my support and the support of each member of my family. God bless each and every one of them."

The I.R.A. Provisional Wing claimed responsibility for the Londonderry ambushes.

It said in a statement that they were shot in retaliation for the killing of I.R.A. officer Joseph McCann by British troops on a Belfast street on Saturday.

Army on 'way up' — Westmoreland

WASHINGTON (AP). — General William Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, says the U.S. army has "bottomed out" of its major problems and "we're on the way up with respect to discipline, morale and professionalism."

But Gen. Westmoreland acknowledged in an interview with the Associated Press that the army's readiness "is at a low ebb now," chiefly because Congress ordered a faster-than-planned manpower cutback.

He also said enlistments are lagging and warned that neither higher pay nor various measures to improve service life will attract enough volunteers to end the draft unless the American public views the service as "an important member of the society."

Japanese Nobel winner Kawabata commits suicide

YOKOHAMA (AP). — Japanese Nobel Prize winning novelist Yasunari Kawabata committed suicide yesterday in his workroom in an apartment house in Zushi City, a seaside resort near Yokohama, police reported. He was 72.

Initial reports said a keeper of his apartment house found Kawabata lying unconscious with a gas hose in his mouth. A coroner's office physician pronounced him dead, police said.

Kawabata won the 1968 Nobel Prize for Literature. Police said Kawabata had not left any suicide note.

Kawabata, born in Osaka in 1899 and parentless at the age of 4, pursued academic studies in Tokyo. While a student at Tokyo University, he began writing fiction and won nationwide acclaim as one of Japan's most promising novelists.

In October 1969, Kawabata became the first Japanese ever awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was cited for "his narrative mastery, which with great sensitivity expresses the essence of the Japanese mind." Among his subtle, psychologically lyrical prose are "Tululim" (Snow Country) and "Senzamura" (A Thousand Paper Cranes).

Kawabata was the second Japanese novelist regarded as being of Nobel Prize calibre to have committed suicide in the last 17 months. On November 25, 1970, Yukio Mishima,



KAWABATA

45, killed himself in a dramatic harakiri ritual in the northern Japan Ground Self-Defense Force headquarters in Tokyo, protesting against Japan's no-war constitution.

Kawabata was said to have been the first man to discover Mishima's outstanding talent.

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The moon's secrets

By PAUL REEGER
SPACE CENTER, TEXAS (AP) — Although the moon is a far more familiar place than it was almost three years ago, when man first set foot there, details for a complete picture are still lacking. These details involve questions never even thought of before the first lunar landing.

Important unknowns about the moon revolve around these key issues:
Where did the moon come from and how was it formed?
Precisely how old is it? Is there water on the moon and does it have a core? Are there still live volcanoes on the moon?

Scientists agree

There is general agreement among scientists on these points:
• Mechanisms for evolving life halted on the moon long before even the basic building blocks of life were formed. Hence, the moon has no life.

• Geologic evolution stopped early on the moon, about three billion years ago. As a result the moon is frozen at a point of primitive development.

• The moon is still experiencing small shuddering quakes, but they are thought to be caused by earth's tidal forces rather than the stress of internal energy.

• There are essentially only three types of rocks on the moon. In contrast to hundreds of different types on earth.

The three traditional theories on the origin of the moon, scientists say, are still considered feasible, although each has some flaw. These theories state:

• The moon formed as a twin planet to the earth, probably from space debris.

• The moon formed elsewhere in space and was captured by earth's gravity and became a natural satellite of earth.

• The moon is made up of material

An Apollo mission blasted off to the moon yesterday in a quest to probe its secrets.



Lunar module pilot Charles Duke operating a moon surface drill during a training exercise at Kennedy Space Centre.

(Camera Press) which broke away from the earth. Dr. D. W. Strangway, a Space Agency geophysicist, says there is no consensus model, or theory, among scientists yet.

"But that model is not far away. It may be only two to three years before we know the answers."

Most scientists believe the moon dates to the beginning of the solar system, about 4.6 billion years ago, but no rocks of that age have been found. The oldest rocks found so far are 3.9 to 4 billion years old. The oldest earth rocks are about 3.2 billion years old.

Early moon samples brought to earth indicated they were formed in the absence of water, and as a result the moon was thought to have no water. However, a Rice University team now says an instrument left on the moon has detected water vapour, and a Cambridge University group say they have found moon rock crystals of iron which hardened in the presence of water.

It is generally believed that the moon has no core, but this belief has been questioned because of the discovery of a weak magnetism in moon rocks and because of measurements which indicate a higher interior heat than expected.

Not definite proof

Dr. Gary Latham of the Lamont-Doherty Laboratory of Columbia University said one set of readings was similar to that seen on earth from a very weak volcano. He said, however, that this could not be accepted as final proof of a live volcano.

Apollo 16 will shed light on some of the detailed questions that have been raised. The spacecraft will carry on board a bit of moon rock brought to earth by a previous mission. The rock's magnetism will be checked on return to earth to see if electrical currents aboard the spacecraft could account for the residual magnetism discovered in lunar samples.

Electronic sensors which will orbit the moon aboard the Apollo 16 will detect the presence of certain minerals and of pockets of radioactivity. Both of these findings relate to the thermal history of the moon, and hence to its origin.

The Sudan Government has launched a campaign to "sell" the "peace package deal" in the North and South. The new agreement creates many problems, writes FWF's chief foreign correspondent Cecil Eprile, a close observer of the Sudan who is in touch with both the Northern and the Southern leaderships. He estimates that the trickiest issue is the phasing of Anya-Nya rebels into an army partnership in the south.

Sudan accord will be hard to implement

By CECIL EPRILE
NEW YORK (FWF) —

THERE is no easy road to peace in the Sudan. At the Addis Ababa peace talks in February, negotiators, both on the government side and on the rebel Anya-Nya side, feared that the negotiations might break down — on the issue of security. But both sides made it known they were prepared to make fresh efforts if that happened. Before the date set for the ratification of the agreement (March 12, 1972) General Joseph Lagu, leader of the Southern Sudan Liberation Movement, expressed "minor reservations" about some aspects of the proposed military and political guarantees; and advisers took the view that this might presage new tangles in the future.

But there is an agreement. And the Sudan Government, by immediately ordering a cease-fire, took practical steps to end a war which has caused immense suffering in the Southern Sudan and drained the resources of both North and South. The terms of the agreement, as set out by President Numeiry in an address at a rally at Omdurman on March 3, contain the following points: (1) a basic law for organizing regional autonomy in the Southern provinces; (2) amnesty for rebels; (3) administrative measures for the transitional period until the regional autonomy programme is fully established; (4) the cease-fire; (5) temporary measures concerning

the armed forces; (6) rehabilitation of the refugees and repatriation of others.

The President did not specify what the "temporary measures dealing with the composition of the army in the Southern region" would be. "This matter," he said, "will be dealt with by a military technical committee." It is understood that elements of the Anya-Nya rebel force will be phased into an army partnership in the South. The implementation of this will clearly present both sides with their biggest test, and it is easy to see where friction could arise.

But then the achievement of a real peace — as distinct from a truce — will require not only courage and vision but tolerance and patience on both sides. Hundreds of thousands of Southern people were killed in this bitter and little-understood war. Many more died of disease while many, many thousands were rendered homeless.

The mutual antagonism, mistrust and suspicions between North and South, with their widely different cultures, date back to long before the start of the Sixteen Years War. It is too much to expect that the separate interests of North and South on the one hand, and their common interests (economic and political) on the other. The question for the future is how well this balancing act can be made to work. Fortunately the leadership on both sides seemed to be facing up to the difficulties.



A Southern Sudanese tribesman with submachinegun at the rebel base camp for the central Egyptian region.

(Robinson, Camera Press) render, a sell-out or an act of weakness.

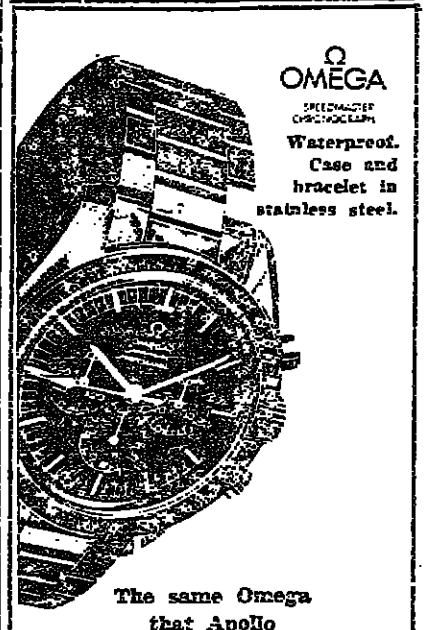
One of the first to denounce the agreement was Mr. Gordon Muortax Mayen, leader of the former Nile Provisional Government, who alleged that Southern delegates at the Addis negotiations were unrepresentative of Southern resistance. Mr. Mayen, who heads a splinter group, may not be a front-runner for Southern leadership, but his rejection of the settlement as a "fraud" was almost certain to have some echoes in the bush and elsewhere.

Against this it can be argued that the present agreement is basically realistic. It does not attempt an identity of incompatibilities but seeks to recognize and entrench the separate interests of North and South on the one hand, and their common interests (economic and political) on the other. The question for the future is how well this balancing act can be made to work. Fortunately the leadership on both sides seemed to be facing up to the difficulties.

In his address to the Omdurman rally, President Numeiry admitted "shortcomings" towards the South, not only on the part of previous governments but also during his own regime. He also predicted great difficulties in implementing the agreement.

The pages of Sudanese history are filled with broken promises, dishonoured guarantees and statesmanlike utterances which became a mockery in the light of subsequent actions. But this fact-finding essay by Numeiry did seem one of the most perceptive declarations ever made by a Sudanese head of state. Some of the President's domestic problems in trying to implement a new deal for the South became apparent. And some of the new appointments in the defence apparatus may be viewed in this sense. The government has now embarked on a campaign to "sell" the "peace package deal" both in the North and in the South.

President Numeiry has been giving the clearest indication, since the crisis of July 1971, of his intention to try to reduce the still formidable Soviet influence in the Sudan. In newspaper interviews published simultaneously in Beirut and Abu Dhabi on March 2, he was quoted as saying that relations with the Soviet Union were "very bad" and that "if the Soviets refuse to supply us with some spare parts we need, the Sudan will abandon Soviet arm-



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RUSSIANS STRESS AUTOMATIC PROBES

MOSCOW (Orms) — By DEV MURAKKA

IT is now 10 years since the Soviet Union put up the first of its Cosmos earth satellite series. On March 22 the 479th Cosmos was put into orbit.

Though the Soviet Union has fallen behind in manned flight to the moon and suffered other setbacks in its space programme, the steady progress of Cosmos launches indicates that the Russians are not that far behind the Americans. Their automatic probes to and from the moon also testify to the improvement in technique which the Soviet space programme is achieving.

With the spectacular earlier space achievements of the Soviet Union still in mind, laymen often overlook the fact that the Cosmos launches are the linchpin of the whole Soviet space programme and that ultimate success and the more spectacular achievements depend on these launches. The Cosmos space vehicles provide the basic data about conditions in outer space which enable the Soviet scientists to construct suitable vehicles and other technological devices to go to other planets.

Various types

The Cosmos satellites, which will total 500 before this year is out, are not all of one type. When the first Cosmos was launched a decade ago, an official announcement said the purpose of the Cosmos programme was to explore the upper atmosphere and ionosphere. The programme also included the study of cloud systems in the earth's at-

mosphere, the development of a meteorological satellite system, the study of charged particles in the ionosphere and the measurement of radiation belts, cosmic rays, the earth's magnetic field and short-wave emissions from outer space.

The Cosmos series included military communications satellites, navigation satellites, reconnaissance satellites — which are for military reconnaissance in general and counting of missiles and bombers on the ground — manoeuvring satellites and so on.

Dogs survived

At least one Cosmos satellite was used for testing life support systems for prolonged space flights. This was Cosmos 110, launched in February, 1968, with two dogs, Yekaterin and Ugelokid aboard. After a flight of 23 days the dogs were recovered successfully.

Discussing the overall results of the Cosmos launches, Soviet scientists have indicated that the original programme has been successfully carried out and thought is being given to using the Cosmos launches for other fields of study.

Academician S.N. Vernov, director of the Moscow University research institute for nuclear physics, said that before the Cosmos launches scientists had a very poor knowledge of the atmosphere surrounding the earth.

The Cosmos programme confirmed the existence of radiation belts but the most unexpected discovery was "solar wind" or the continuous emission of plasma from the sun. It was subsequently established that

the solar wind is responsible for frequent changes in the outline of the earth's magnetosphere, in the growth or decrease of particles in the radiation belt and in the density of the upper atmosphere. Academician Vernov said that the benefits of the study of radiation belts by the Cosmos launches has been so great that some of the theories and ideas are now being applied to other areas of outer space exploration.

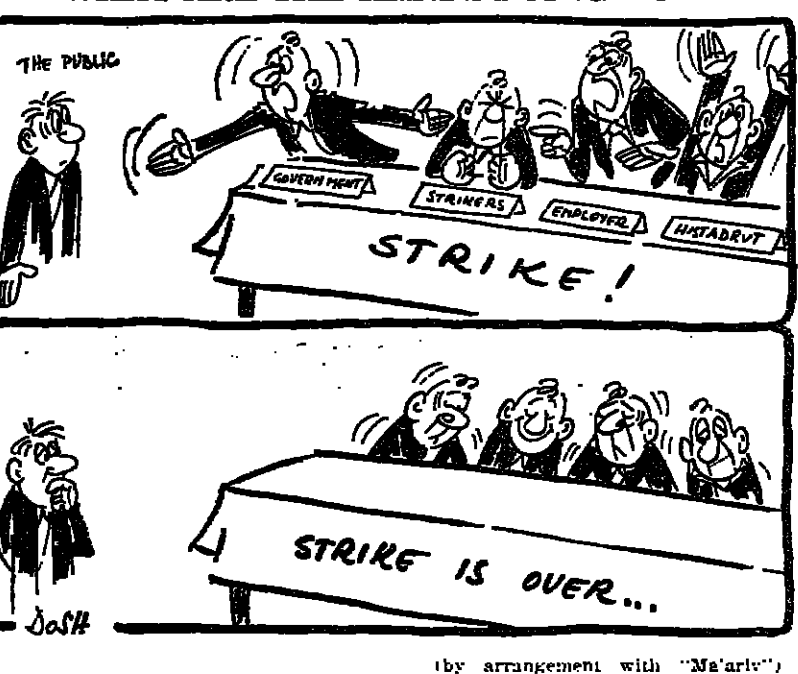
Another scientist, Academician A.M. Ovchikov, said that the study of cloud and weather systems has considerably advanced because of the knowledge gained from Cosmos launches. Among other things, he mentioned that a map of the Antarctic ice has been made and it is possible now to map the Antarctic, irrespective of cloud formations over the region. It was now also possible to have an idea of temperatures of the oceans over the entire globe, which enormously improved weather forecasts.

Changes in composition

Another scientist pointed out that thanks to the satellite programme, it had now been established that there are periodic changes in the nuclear composition of cosmic radiation. When solar activity is at its minimum, the nuclear composition of cosmic rays is denser.

The discovery of an area with a high concentration of emissions is of vital importance to space flights, among other things. A space vehicle flying to other planets has to cross this area and it must therefore be designed in such a way as to provide extra protection.

WHAT ARE THE HANDS DOING NOW?



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China reaffirms support for Arabs

HONGKONG (Reuters) — Acting Chinese Chairman Tung Pi-wu and Premier Chou En-lai yesterday reiterated China's support for the cause of the Arab countries against aggression.

A message signed by the two Chinese leaders and quoted by the New China News Agency said the Syrian Government and people and

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Although his morals are not impeccable NETIVEI NEFT MAJORITY: NO NEED TO SACK FRIEDMAN



Mr. Mordechai Friedman with his principal lawyer, Mr. Yaacov Salomon.

By Hirsh Goodman and David Landau
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Witkon Commission has decided by a two-to-one majority not to recommend Mr. Mordechai Friedman's dismissal as manager of the Netivei Neft oil company. The majority — Justice Alfred Witkon, chairman, and Mr. Avraham Kalir — state in the Commission's report issued yesterday that: "While our opinion is that Mr. Friedman is a man who, for his own financial interests, is prepared to defend a position which a morally impeccable man would not defend, nevertheless this is not relevant to the position he fills in the oil world — a position which he fills with devotion, ability, and a large measure of success. Therefore, the majority report concludes, 'we believe that Mr. Friedman ought not to be dismissed, and this is our recommendation.'"

A minority report from the third commission member, Aluf (Res.) Meir Zorea, recommends that Mr. Friedman be dismissed.

As regards Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Zvi Dinstein, the majority report completely exonerates him of all charges which brought his integrity or morality into question. (The majority do, however, criticize certain aspects of his administrative record in the Netivei Neft affair.)

Aluf Zorea, again in the minority, declares himself dissatisfied with one aspect of Dr. Dinstein's record which pertains to his recidivism, but he does not make any recommendations.

Main complaint

The sale by Mr. Friedman of his private drilling company, Continental, to Midbar, a foreign prospecting company, while he was general manager of Netivei Neft, played a central part in the Commission's deliberations. This was, after all, the backbone of the Neev complaint. It was also the most complex issue which faced the Commission.

The majority report dealt with the issue in four chapters: negotiations prior to the actual sale; the sale itself; the Bloomfield documents

that, but the sale passed the scrutiny of the Investment Centre and the Commissioner of Foreign Currency at the Treasury, all of whom saw the relevant documents and sanctioned the deal.

Equipment's value

Mr. Chen had claimed that Mr. Friedman's equipment, which had been purchased from a Canadian company, Israel Continental, for \$385,000 in 1965, was worth no more than \$70,000, or \$90,000 at the outside. Dr. Arnon had tried to prove that the equipment was worth no more than \$200,000, while Mr. Levy, basing himself on estimates derived from scrap metal dealers in the U.S., said that \$30,000 would be about the true value.

The report notes that these estimates were based not on the price of equipment in Israel, but on the auction price for similar equipment in the U.S. where not only is there no demand for used rigs, but where general market conditions are totally different.

Two international oil experts, Mr. James Tocher and Mr. Israel Kusloff, had told the Commission behind closed doors that the price of Mr. Friedman's equipment could not be based on overseas estimates. The report continues that it was obviously worth Midbar's while to buy the equipment at the going price. Friedman had wanted \$900,000 and they were prepared to pay \$700,000. It would hardly have been worth Midbar's while to bring from abroad equipment which could be bought in Israel. What was more important, and this answers the question of why Midbar did not buy a rig from Lapidot, was that Mr. Friedman's rig came with an option for drilling days from Naphtha, and with a qualified crew to man the rig.

Mayflower's evidence

Further proof that the equipment was worth the price, the report states, comes from evidence submitted that Mayflower, an international drilling company, had offered to buy the equipment for \$750,000 shortly after the deal had been concluded, and had indeed put down a \$10,000 deposit. That the deal later fell through does not alter the fact that they were prepared to pay the price, the report states. The deal fell through because, unlike Midbar, Mayflower was not prepared to undertake the political risks which accompany drilling operations in Israel, and specifically in Sinai.

The Commission members state that as far as they could discern, there was no fault with Midbar paying Mr. Friedman \$700,000 — taking into account the option for drilling days from Naphtha — and that there is no foundation for the claim that the price was not reasonable. They also found that there was nothing in the relationship between Mr. Friedman, Netivei Neft, and Midbar which forbade the sale, and that, furthermore,

the sale was made openly and with the consent of Mr. Friedman's superiors. "There is no basis for Dr. Neev's complaint in this respect," they conclude.

Mr. Friedman was not exonerated to the same extent when it came to the manner in which his company was liquidated. Mr. Friedman received \$700,000 for his company. Of this sum, \$110,000 was for spare parts which accompanied the rig, another \$100,000 for the option from Naphtha, and finally \$100,000 for undertaking not to compete as a driller for five years.

He did not receive all this in cash and, after the complex book-keeping procedures were over and done with, Continental was found to owe Midbar \$97,000 from drilling operations carried out for Midbar, which had paid an advance for expenses liable to be incurred. It was this \$97,000 which baffled the Commission more than any other question during the four months of deliberations.

When Continental went into liquidation, the man appointed as liquidator, Mr. Leslie Goldschmidt, also happened to be the accountant who handled Midbar's affairs in Israel. As a result, the finances of the two companies, were entwined to an almost unintelligible extent, and Mr. Friedman, instead of withdrawing from the affairs of Continental in voluntary liquidation and concentrating on his affairs at Netivei Neft, continued to play an active role in both.

THE COST

The cost of the inquiry to the taxpayer has not yet been assessed, since the 14 lawyers who took a greater or lesser part in the proceedings have not yet submitted their accounts. When they do, the Commission members will have to work out suitable rates, as laid down by the Commissions of Inquiry Law (1968). None of the witnesses has yet asked for the expenses due to them by law, and Aluf Zorea and Mr. Kalir are likely to forgo the fee which is also theirs by law (Justice Witkon continues to draw his salary as a Supreme Court Justice). Other expenses of the Commission have so far totalled between IL50,000 and IL100,000.

With regard to who should get the usufruct, the two members were more specific. The fact that Mr. Friedman did not pay interest on the money, they felt, was not in itself a criminal action, but it could form the basis of a civil suit against Mr. Friedman by the parties concerned.

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The Witkon commission in session: Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea (left) issued a separate report from Justice Alfred Witkon (centre) and Mr. Avraham Kalir.

ment was registered and stored is another matter entirely. Here there were serious shortcomings, they charge. The report finds that, until as late as December, 1970, Netivei Neft management had taken no serious steps to take stock of the equipment left lying around by the Egyptians after the war and, worse than that, new equipment was not registered as it should have been.

Inadequate proof

The two Commission members said that they could not decide for certain whether Mr. Friedman only made the payment as a result of the Commission's deliberations, and neither could they formulate an opinion on why nobody at the Ministry of Defence was informed that the money was with Friedman. The Ministry, they note, had written off the debt, convinced that Midbar would never make good the payment.

They ruled that "these facts alone are not enough to accuse Mr. Friedman of either theft or breach of trust (with regard to his relations with Midbar) or attempted extortion, as claimed by Dr. Neev." Despite the doubts, the facts presented would not be enough to convict Mr. Friedman in a criminal hearing, and the same rules of justice apply, they concluded.

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Moreover, they continue, it is apparent that Netivei Neft equipment was loaned out to other companies and that these transactions were not recorded in the company's books. The members did not try to estimate what these shortcomings cost the State, but said that it would be best "not to exaggerate the issue."

The Commission took a sharp view of the fact that Netivei Neft had loaned equipment out to Continental at a 30 per cent discount. The claim that the lower price was given by Mr. Friedman (in his capacity as Netivei Neft's general manager) to Mr. Friedman (as owner of Continental) because the equipment was "unchecked" struck the Commission members as "farfetched."

That certain documents dealing with the loan of equipment from Netivei Neft to Midbar which were found by the police to have false dates, were forged, was not accepted by the Commission members. Who had ordered the forgeries, the members claim, is unclear, and they add that, since the police decided in an independent investigation not to prosecute, they would go along with that decision.

With regard to thefts from the fields, again the Commission members relied heavily on the recommendations of the police. They note in passing that they were "amazed" that so many of the charges brought up by Mr. Moshe Ben-Menahem — a former Netivei Neft employee upon whom Dr. Neev based much of his complaint — were

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found to be void of all factual proof. There was one case, they note, where the police felt there was reason to suspect theft, but due to total anarchy in the company's books, it was impossible to know whether or not the equipment in question had been stolen. This charge in itself, the two members noted, was very serious.

Where the police did decide to lay charges concerning theft from the fields, in the case relating to former deputy manager Daniel Kimche, the Commission declined to pass an opinion, seeing that the matter was currently being dealt with by a court of law.

When it came to discussing labour organization at the fields, the Commission remarked that the men who had testified before them had left them with a "singularly negative impression." They were referring specifically to Mr. Avraham (Hodi) Yaacov, and Mr. Moshe Ben-Menahem. The former had managed to obtain a phenomenal salary for himself and his sons (ILAS,000 per month) and had attached his name to a letter clearing Mr. Friedman of charges he had levelled against him in the press, while Mr. Ben-Menahem had resorted to threats and violence when he could not get what he wanted from the company's general manager.

The report found that the practice of hiring workers in Tel Aviv and deciding on their salaries there — without any formal scale or criteria on which to base their decision — was not in the interest of the company. This, they claim, caused unrest and resentment among the workers in the fields, which caused in turn unnecessary friction between management and staff, and among the workers themselves.

The differences between the majority and the minority, as Aluf Zorea writes in his minority report, is not over issues of fact but over the weight to be attached to certain given facts.

Aluf Zorea took an extremely grave view of Mr. Friedman's "deliberate concealment from the Commission of the matter of the Bahamian company." Mr. Friedman in his testimony had traced the course of the "Continental equipment" as it changed hands from one company to another until it eventually reached his own Continental Drilling Co. He told the Commission he had originally purchased the equipment in 1965 from a Canadian firm for \$385,000. Only at the very end of the inquiry did the owners of this Canadian firm, Messrs. Bloomfield, read Mr. Friedman's evidence in *The Jerusalem Post* and inform the State Attorney that Mr. Friedman had bought the equipment in 1962 for \$70,000.

Mr. Friedman took the stand again and explained away the apparent contradiction — at least technically. He said he had been offered an option in 1962 by the Bloomfields to buy the company for \$70,000. He had arranged for a firm to be registered in the Bahamas, backed by a company named Anglo-African whose owner was a personal friend of his, to take up the option. Mr. Friedman stressed that he himself was not a partner in this new firm.

The option continued in effect until 1965, by which time extraneous circumstances had caused the value of the equipment to rocket, and it was at this point that Mr. Friedman himself bought the equipment. Both the Bahamian and the Canadian company were the vendors in the contract of sale — so technically Mr. Friedman had been correct in saying he bought it from the Bloomfields in 1965 for \$385,000 (and the Bloomfields were correct in saying they had sold in 1962 for \$70,000).

The majority of the Commission did not allow this late "Bahamian evidence" to influence them unduly. Against his better judgement, Justice Wilkon, the Chairman, gave the State Attorney the opportunity of cross-examining Mr. Friedman on this episode, but, as the report notes, he got nowhere — beyond making veiled and unsubstantiated (and unacceptable) hints that Mr. Friedman might not in fact have divested himself of the money.

Aluf Zorea, however, attached a great deal of importance to the fact that Mr. Friedman had apparently concealed information from the Commission.

Another point to which the majority and minority gave different assessments was Mr. Friedman's participation in the tender put out by Midbar for a drilling contract. This was the perfect example of the clash of interests between Friedman as boss of Continental and Friedman as General Manager of Netivei Neft," Aluf Zorea writes. "Whereas the majority saw it as 'not inconsiderable flaw,' Aluf Zorea took a far more serious view. What made it even worse, as far as he was concerned, was that Mr. Friedman had neglected to inform Dr. Dinstein of his participation in the tender, though he was usually scrupulous in keeping the Deputy Minister in the picture.

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Fund mix-up
The liquidation of Continental is another issue which split the Commission. While the majority saw the mixing-up of the funds held by the liquidator as "a serious mistake," but did not hold Mr. Friedman to blame, Aluf Zorea writes: "Mr. Friedman deposited money in foreign currency in Switzerland, and speculated with it, when the source of this money was a mixture of his own funds and those of the liquidator acting as trustee of Midbar." Aluf Zorea is not prepared to accept the contention that Mr. Friedman was not aware of the details of his finances. "He was obliged to be aware," he writes. As it was, he made a mockery of the original intention of the liquidation, which was to clearly separate Mr. Friedman's possibly conflicting interests. The fact that Mr. Friedman had invested the money abroad without



Dr. David Neev, the Development Ministry geologist who filed the original complaint. His charges were declared not proven. (Barzilay)

first securing Treasury consent is also cited against him by Aluf Zorea. The \$97,000 is another cause of difference between the majority and Aluf Zorea. Both this, and the situation in Netivei Neft with regard to hiring equipment to other companies, among them Friedman's Continental, strengthens Aluf Zorea in his conclusion that, "despite his achievements — which all admit — in the development of Netivei Neft, I can only recommend that Mr. Friedman be dismissed."

In the introduction to its report, the Commission points out the unfortunate situation which arose during the hearings whereby Mr. Friedman found himself in effect facing two prosecutors: Mr. Caspi, representing Dr. Neev, and the Attorney-General, the State Attorney and his assistant, representing the Government. This was the inevitable result of the Commissions of Inquiry Law which give a Commission the right to seek assistance for the legal officers of the State and allows every prejudiced party to be represented by counsel. The profusion of lawyers prolonged the inquiry and made the Commission's work more difficult, the report adds.

The report also states at the

outset that there was a disproportionate amount of unsubstantiated hearsay evidence both in the Neev complaint and in subsequent testimony.

The report stresses early on, and repeats several times thereafter, the exemplary speed and efficiency with which Mr. Friedman re-started oil production at the abandoned field after the Six Day War. The oil flowed again on July 14, 1967, and the first tanker was loaded on July 19-21.

Turning now to the establishment of Netivei Neft, which Dr. Neev had attacked as part of a larger plot to keep Lapidot and its general manager Mordechai Chen out of the action, the Commission rejects such suggested explanations as "the dictates of international law" or "the need for secrecy" — both could have been satisfied while at the same time sending the old-established Lapidot down to Abu Rodeis. The real reason why Netivei Neft was established was — as Dr. Dinstein and Mr. Dov Ben-Dror hinted in their evidence — to keep out Mordechai Chen, who was not felt to be the right man for the job. But there was no question of any conspiracy; it was simply a practical decision.

Responsibility for this decision rested on everyone in the Government concerned with oil — including Dr. Yaacov Arnon, the then Director-General of the Treasury — and it was unacceptable for him to contend that Dr. Dinstein had sole control. But there was nothing "wrong" with the decision or with the "real" reason behind it.

Of course, the Commission admits, there is no way of telling *post factum* how Mr. Chen would have made out at Abu Rodeis. One expert whose evidence was highly thought of stated that Chen's experience as manager of Lapidot-Ha'elz field would have been all but worthless in the face of problems of the magnitude of Abu Rodeis. But one thing could be said with certainty: Mr. Friedman's appointment had proved a great success from the viewpoint of the productivity of the fields.

Needed comptroller
What should have been done, however, was to appoint a qualified and experienced internal comptroller to take care of such matters as store-keeping at the fields. As it was, chaos reigned in the company stores for over three years. Netivei Neft is pretty well exonerated from the charges that it deliberately hid behind a screen of secrecy and failed to provide information on its activities to the pertinent authorities. Mr. Salman, the Director of the State Corporations Authority, had been quite justified in complaining that Netivei Neft kept him less in the picture than other State companies; but the fault, says the report, lay in the articles of association of the company which were drawn up in 1967 and never amended to make provisions for such supply of information to Salman's authority.

And the fault for the non-amendment of the articles was that of all the legal experts in all the Government departments which had dealings with the firm, who never sought to amend them. Dr. Dinstein, too, is criticized for not laying down clear rules for the firm to follow in this connection.

Mr. Salman himself was not blameless either. If he had been forceful and persistent in his demands for information — he would have been supplied with it. There was no sinister plot to keep him in the dark.

The report goes further: Mr. Salman's complaints set the Commission members thinking about what in fact is the function of the State Corporations Authority. Merely to receive information? Or to act on it? And if to act, then how? The Commission recommends that the

Authority — both its *raison d'etre* and its working in practice — be submitted to a fundamental review by experts in public administration. The only way the Authority can really hope to keep a watch on the companies under its aegis is to have a representative attend the company board meetings on a regular basis, the report suggests.

The next point taken up is the allegedly unsatisfactory flow of information from Abu Rodeis to the Geological Institute, a department of the Ministry of Development, and to the Geophysical Institute, a Government-owned agency. The report prefaces this section with the observation that by no means all the Development Ministry geologists who gave evidence backed their colleague Dr. Neev in all or even part of his allegations.

Dr. Neev's criticism of the decision to place oil in Sinai under the control of the Treasury rather than the Development Ministry is rejected completely. What qualifies him to criticize decisions taken at the

RESULT OF 49 SESSIONS
The Commission was appointed in November, 1971, and held the last of its 49 sessions on March 1 this year. It heard 48 witnesses, some of them *in camera* — a four-page classified appendix is attached to the Commission report summarizing the *in camera* evidence. Some 720 numbered exhibits were presented to the Commission in the course of the inquiry, and these were delivered to the Cabinet, packed in 13 large cardboard boxes, together with the report yesterday morning. The Prime Minister, Mrs. Meir, saw the report before the weekend.

highest level of Government? And the Commission remained unimpressed by the two "incidents" at which Development Ministry geologists were slighted, once by Mr. Friedman — who turned a party of them out of Abu Rodeis — and Dr. Dinstein — who was accused of driving another group of them out of his office because they refused to do a deal with him whereby he would fund a research project and they would secure him control of oil prospecting in northern Sinai and Gaza. As to the first "incident," the Commission accepted Friedman's explanation that the first tanker was expected at Abu Rodeis that day and all strangers were hurried out for fear of enemy action. Regarding the second "incident," the Commission accepted Dr. Dinstein's version which contained no hint of

any deal. Perhaps the Deputy Minister had been a little brusque — but we don't stand on formalities in Israel, the Commission noted. Dr. Neev's damaging allegation that information was withheld from the Geological Institute was not backed up by the man who ought to know best — Dr. Moshe Ettlinger, Controller of Petroleum Affairs in the Development Ministry. Dr. Ettlinger testified that information was forthcoming, not regularly and not a great deal — but some was forthcoming. "A failure of communication between Dr. Ettlinger and Dr. Neev is not Netivei Neft's fault," the report notes in a sarcastic tone.

"Most interesting of all," says the report, is the evidence of Dr. Ginzburg, the Director of the Geophysical Institute. He had no difficulty whatever in securing information from Netivei Neft — but the condition was that it be kept in absolute secrecy. It was not to be revealed even to the Geological Institute. (The Geophysical Institute was working as a contractor for Netivei Neft in this instance.) "Dr. Neev would have done well to investigate how it was that a body such as the Geophysical Institute which was set up as a Government company in partnership with the oil companies, could have agreed to such a condition — before he made his allegations against Netivei Neft."

Works committee
The Commission members were also divided on the subject of why a works committee was not established at the fields until late 1971. Justice Wilkon and Aluf Zorea were of the opinion that this was due to no fault of Mr. Friedman's, while Mr. Kaliv condemned the fact that there was no labour committee, and said that Mr. Friedman, as the general manager of the company, should have realized the importance of this. The fact that there was no works committee at the field, he adds, caused bad feeling among the employees — something a good manager would try and avoid.

There was consensus of opinion that there was no proof that Mr. Friedman had threatened to dismiss workers if they established a workers committee.

Despite the fact that charges that the fields were run under Mr. Friedman's dictatorship, and that the labour structure there constituted a feudal hierarchy, won wide publication in the press and on the radio, all the members failed to share that opinion. Conditions at the fields demanded strong leadership, they claim, and this is precisely what Mr. Friedman provided.



Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Deputy Minister of Finance, in charge of the nation's oil affairs. (Rubinger)

Even one of Mr. Friedman's supporters, Mr. Eitan Elzenberg, Netivei Neft's chief geologist, said openly that Friedman was a hard man and sometimes "insufferable," but this did not mean that he was a dictator, they concluded.

"That in this day and age in this country it is possible to close the mouths of 500 workers strikes us as highly improbable," they stated, adding that the only claims in this direction came from five or six "embittered employees" who nursed a grudge against Mr. Friedman.

The Commission found not the slightest hint of truth in charges that there had been orgies and organized prostitution at the fields. There were cases of drug taking, they noted, but not more than in

an average Israel city. In fact less, statistically speaking, which both members found surprising, considering the type of person who lived at the fields. There were also girls who worked for the cleaning contractor who had previously been prostitutes, they noted, and there had been cases where the girls continued in their old ways. But, they add, whenever a girl was caught, the contractor was notified and she was dismissed.

Concerning Mr. Friedman's shooting at the fields, the members felt that the incidents were of such marginal importance that they did not warrant further discussion. Mr. Friedman gave his explanation of the incidents, they said, and this would suffice.

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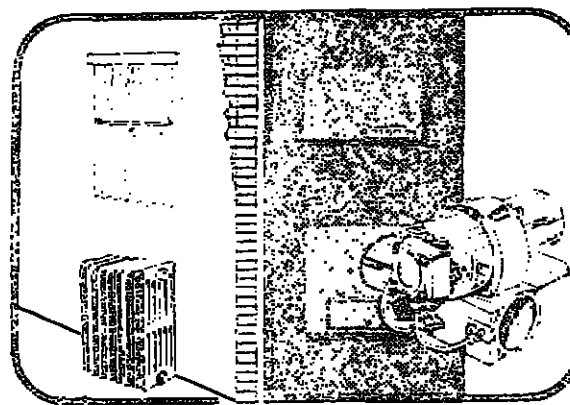
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A. Ceremony of Lighting Memorial Light at the Western Wall (April 17)

In view of the ceremony of lighting the memorial light at the Western Wall on Monday, April 17, the following will be closed to traffic from 7 p.m.: Yafa Road in the Old City and the Dung Gate Road (except for bus No. 1 which travels via the Dung Gate Road).

B. Remembrance Day and eve of Independence Day

In view of Remembrance Day and eve of Independence Day ceremonies taking place on Tuesday, April 18, the following traffic and parking restrictions will apply:

Ceremony of Lighting Memorial Light at Bar-Kochba Square (April 17)

No Traffic
From 12.30 till 12.35 no traffic on the section of Rehov Yafa from Kikar Zahal to Kikar Zion.

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Remembrance Ceremony at Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl (April 18)

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Ceremony Proclaiming the Holiday on Mt. Herzl (April 18)

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From 17.30 Rehov Hapizga will be closed to traffic, except buses, and traffic will be routed through Rehov Tora Va'avoda, Sderot Herzl, from Beit Hakarem to Mt. Herzl. Traffic from Kiryat Yovel, Barit Vegan and Ein Karem to the City will be routed via Manhat Road. No entrance to Yad Vashem Road for vehicles, except for invited guests.

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From 17.30 the following streets will be closed to traffic: Rehov Yafa in the direction from King George to Manilla, Rehov Hanzev'im in the direction from Yehayahu to Shivtei Yisrael, Rehov Manilla from David Hamelech to Jaffa Gate, Rehov David Hamelech in the direction of Manilla to Kikar Plumer, Shlomo Hamelech and Rehov Pines will be one-way, in the opposite direction.

No Parking
From 12.00 there will be no parking on either side of these streets: Rehov Yafa, King George, Bezalel, Kikar Menora, Ramban, Agron Super Sol parking lot, Engineers' House parking lot and Independence Park, Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Herbert Samuel, Salmon, Hanzev'im, Strauss, from the corner of Yafa to Hataadret House, Rehov Pines, Kikar, Sderot Ben-Zvi.

Vehicles over 4 tons
From 12.00 lorries over 4 tons will not be permitted in the centre of Jerusalem till the following day, 13.00.

Traffic Regulations
a. From the western part of the city and Kiryat Yovel — via Manhat — between 17.00-19.00.
b. From the north of the city to the southern section and the centre — Kikar Zahal, Mischei Yisrael, Yehayahu, Hanzev'im, Shivtei Yisrael, c. From Jerusalem to Bethlehem, Hebron and return; via Zur Baher.

Public Transportation
From 17.00 there will be changes in regular bus lines in the city. Particulars will be published by the bus companies.

C. INDEPENDENCE DAY 1972

On Independence Day, April 19, the following traffic and parking restrictions will apply in Jerusalem:

Youth Bible Quiz at Beit Ha'anan, on Rehov Bezalel (April 19)

No Traffic
From 07.00 to 14.00 the following roads will be closed, except for buses: Rehov Bezalel from the corner of Ussishkin to Shmuel Hanagid, Rehov Hagidim, Kikar Menora.

No Parking
From 07.00 to 14.00 no parking will be allowed on these roads, except for invited guests: Rehov Hagidim from the corner of Ussishkin to Shmuel Hanagid, Rehov Hagidim, Kikar Menora.

Parking lot near the Kapat Holim Prashutin Clinic.

M. BATZRAI
Controller of Road Transport
Jerusalem and Southern Districts

Jerusalem, April 10, 1972

For the attention of the Prime Minister!!

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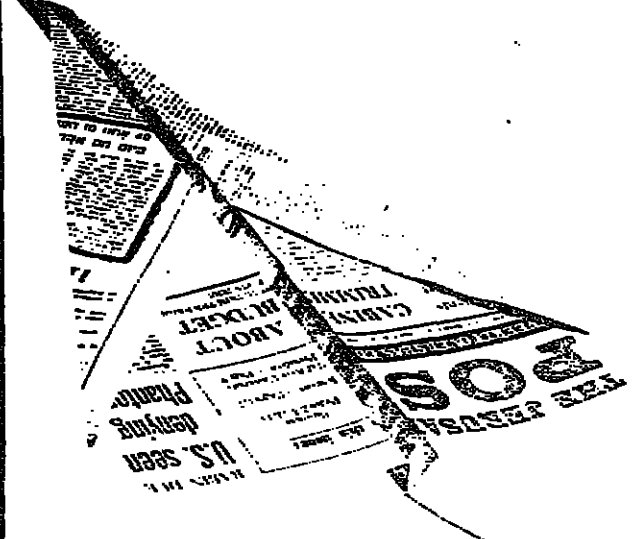
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Wimbledon star runs Eilat tennis clinic

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT is the only town in Israel on the international map, because of its dry winters," says former Wimbledon semi-finalist and Macabi Champion Angela Buxton, who recently conducted a seven days tennis clinic in Kibbutz Eilat, coaching schoolchildren and kibbutzniks from Eilat, Eilat and Yotvatah.



Angela Buxton instructs one of the Eilat schoolchildren at Kibbutz Eilat. (Rami)

A veteran visitor to Eilat, Miss Buxton who runs her own Tennis School in London, thought of holding these tennis clinics last year when she met a local tennis enthusiast, Rhodesian-born Yoram Kaplan. She approached the Israel Sports Authority and the Israel Lawn Tennis Association, who provided the equipment. She herself gave her tuition free, on condition that this would be the first of an annual event in the area.

Miss Buxton was pleased with the response which she found amongst the members of Kibbutz Yotvatah and Eilat (both of which have their own courts) and from the 21 high school pupils from Eilat, all of whom had never played tennis before. "They not only picked up the game amazingly quickly, but they also picked up the sportsmanship involved, arriving punctually and by the end of the week all of them appeared dressed in white and were shaking hands after their games," she reported.

At the same time she deplored the fact that while neighbouring kibbutzim had managed to install courts, Eilat, with 16,000 inhabitants including 3,000 schoolchildren, could not boast a single court and had no organization to promote a sport ideally suited to the climate. She

was astonished that there were hardly any organized sports activities in Eilat.

In addition to bringing tennis to Eilat, Miss Buxton is now working on plans to bring tennis players from England on winter "Tennis Tours." The news item in the "Jewish Chronicle" that she would be coaching in Eilat prompted a spate of enquiries from English tennis clubs and it is these amateur enthusiasts who want to play in the winter that she is aiming at. "With the right facilities there is no reason why tournaments, even international ones, should not be held in Eilat," she said.

Wheelchair hoopsters for U.S.

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — Ten wheelchair basketball players, members of Ilan's Spewack Sports Centre for the Handicapped here, leave for New York for a three-week tour of the U.S. and Canada.

The cost of the trip, the Spewack Club's first overseas tour, is being borne by the U.S. Wheelchair Sports Fund, (whose Chairman, Ben Lipton, initiated the project) together with the Canadian Wheelchair Athletics Association.

The itinerary includes four games in Canada, and four in North-East America. The Israelis will also take part in a three-day tournament at Downers Grove, Illinois, competing against sides from Chicago, Detroit and Indianapolis.

In New York, the visitors will meet the well-known Jewish playwright Bella Spewack, who, with her late husband Sam, provided Ilan with the funds 12 years ago for the sports centre which bears their name (Bella and Sam Spewack together wrote such Broadway hits



Members of the Spewack Club's basketball team, with captain Israel Globus second from the left. Standing at the back are coach Shimon Sadolech and Club director Moshe Rashkes. (Gutman)

as "Kiss me Kate" and "My Three Angels").

Captain of the touring side is Jerusalemite Israel Globus, a 30-year old lawyer, who as well as being a Spewack member, is in charge

of Ilan's sports club in the capital. Also on the squad is Daniel Shinar, skipper of Israel's world championship wheelchair basketball team, and Baruch Hagai, the country's top handicapped all-round sportsman.

Kidnappers jailed for life in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP). — Five persons were sentenced on Friday to life imprisonment by a military court that found them guilty of the kidnaping of West German Ambassador Eberhard von Holleben here on June 11, 1970.

Von Holleben's abductors held him five days, then released him unharmed after the Brazilian government met their ransom demands and flew 40 prisoners to freedom in Algeria. A Brazilian security agent was killed and two others were wounded when the Ambassador, then 61, was seized from his car by anti-government guerrillas.

Riad lauds Peking's position on M.E.

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt has told China it supports Peking's decision not to join big-power talks on the Middle East situation, according to "Al Ahram" newspaper.

The newspaper said, "attempts are taking place to involve China in the big-four talks on the Middle East, but China has so far refused to join."

Presidential adviser Mahmoud Riad recently met the Chinese ambassador in Cairo and told him of Egypt's support for this position, the newspaper said.

2 Hebron Fatah members to jail

HEBRON. Two residents of Hebron were sentenced by a military tribunal here last week to prison terms for membership in Fatah, possession of arms and ammunition, and recruiting for the organization in their area.

Yunis Mahmud Suleiman Arjoub, a 4-year-old schoolteacher, received 10 years, and Mussa Khatif Arjoub, 37, got four years.

Fatah served as liaison man between Fatah headquarters in Amman and the Hebron region in 1969 and '70, when he was caught by the security forces. He was arrested returning from Jordan over ABen-Brige when soldiers found a list of Fatah recruits from the Hebron area concealed in the sole of his shoe. (Itim)

TEL AVIV FIREMEN were awarded medals and cash for displaying professional excellence, initiative and exemplary behaviour in the course of their duties.

A SUPERMARKET MANAGEMENT course for 18 immigrants who are all college graduates — but whose degrees were in areas not in high demand in the Israel labour market — was concluded at Arza, near Jerusalem, Friday. The immigrants, all of whom have already been placed at supermarkets throughout the country, are from Georgia, Russia, France and America.

Readers' letters

Training opera singers in Israel

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mr. Bar-Am's review of the March 27 concert by the Israel Academy of Music, Tel Aviv University, contains too many inaccuracies, false premises and wrong conclusions to stand unchallenged. Kindly permit me to correct at least some of them.

The stated purpose of the Opera Ensemble is not what Mr. Bar-Am alleges it to be, but "to provide young singers of demonstrated ability with professional opera training and performance possibilities not otherwise available to them."

Mr. Bar-Am says: "It seems to me that the Academy's foremost aim should be to present its pupils." This innocent sentence shows that he completely misunderstands the purpose of the Opera Ensemble and is ignorant of operatic training methods. Having had quite a few years of experience in the field, I will gladly help him out a little.

A singer begins his voice training at an age when many instrumentalists are already performing concerti. By the time the voice is secure and the singer can do justice to a role, he is usually in his middle twenties, or older. Thus, in opera studios anywhere, undergraduate students ("Pupils" in his language) sing minor roles, while advanced or young professional singers are selected for the major ones. Three or four years of successful voice study are the minimum prerequisite for opera. Mr. Bar-Am's notion that "pupils" are ready for operatic roles is nonsense. So is his pretended surprise at hearing young professionals in the leading roles. It is for them that the Academy established the ensemble, and it appears as if many more want to avail themselves of the training offered.

Who should provide the young professional singer with operatic training and give him experience in performing roles if not an accredited school of music? The Technion? Instead of a review, Mr. Bar-Am wrote an attack. He has done a dis-

service to a group of talented young singers, and to all those in the country who would like to see the ancient prejudice that "Israel has no singers" laid to rest. With encouragement and professional training, Israel will have singers second to none, just as it has pianists and violinists. Being a visitor, I don't understand the motives for Mr. Bar-Am's hostility vis-à-vis a programme that pleased so many notable Israeli musicians and an overflow audience.

ERWIN JOSPE
Visiting Professor,
Samuel Rubin, Israel Academy of Music
Tel Aviv University
Tel Aviv, March 29.

Academy, and especially thankful to Professor Jospe, for the rare experience we have had, and the excellent results we have gained in so short a time. We hope the work will continue and develop further, and the present Opera Studio will grow into a vital and exciting young opera theatre.

HADASSAH BEN-HAIM
FREDDY PER
SITLIA SEANMAI
ADI ETZION ZAK
MIRA ZAKAI
Tel Aviv, March 31.

TV PROGRAMMING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I wish to thank Mr. Gilion for his protest against the maltreatment of chickens which we saw on TV, March 31. The next morning I wrote a note of protest to the Ministry of Agriculture. I hope they stop the practice of slamming the chickens around, rather than merely keeping it off TV. Incidentally, I was also sickened by the treatment of the geese on Jordan TV, but after leaving the room, I came back in time to hear that the bird was dead from the start. None the less, I have seen far more violence in documentaries and news programmes than in entertainment programmes. It is often cruelty to animals, done coolly by adults, and it will affect children far more than the fiction of Hawaii Five-O or the Persuaders.

I do hope Mr. Gilion can influence Israel Television to stop copying Jordan Television, The U.S. and Britain put on a special course for professional singers who are not its regular students, and is making Five-O's and two Persuaders, which I understand is coming soon. I understand is coming soon. JERALDINE E. GORDON
We are most grateful to the Jerusalem, March 31.

Freshness lacking in Chopin programme

"CHOPIN IN PARIS" — Faina Saltzman, piano; Yair Atlas, violin; Adi Sprijak, cello; Alexander Tamir, piano; Bibiana Goldenthal, soprano; readings: Hanna Maron, Oded Tzomi, Yitzhak Roeh (Israel Museum Auditorium, Jerusalem, April 13). Polish Songs, two movements from Piano Trio, movement from Cello Sonata; Barcoville, mazurkas, waltz, polka; Andante Spianato and Polonaise Brillante.

her beloved composer with the utmost devotion and identification; her pianistic performance was flawless and impressive. Bibiana Goldenthal sang with bright voice, although I had the impression (not knowing the Polish language myself) that she was mouthing all those Slav consonants in a not too articulate manner. Yair Klees and Adi Sprijak played well, and Alexander Tamir contributed some excellent playing, especially in the scherzo of the Piano Trio.

This time, the spoken word seemed to illustrate more than the music, and the selections were well chosen. Some of Chopin's letters, several of George Sand's, and some deliciously gossipy reports by Heinrich Heine gave insight into the time, the interaction of the dramatic personae and the atmosphere in which Frederic Chopin lived, composed, suffered and ended his short, rich life. Hanna Maron was again marvellous. Oded Tzomi seemed nervous or disconcerted, and Yitzhak Roeh showed no special merits as a reader.

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IMMIGRANTS PENSION PLAN

The Ministry of Absorption and the Centre for Social Security of the Histadrut are glad to announce a special pension plan for aged immigrants in force from April 16, 1972.

Immigrants who came to Israel on or after January 1, 1950 and were at the time of immigration between 55 and 60 years old (for women between 50 and 60), may participate in the plan and will receive a pension after retirement, provided they have worked at least one year in Israel.

Applications to join the plan and requests for further information should be addressed to the branches and district offices of the Ministry of Absorption and the Immigrants Organization.

"INDEPENDENCE" MORTGAGE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK LIMITED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971

	Year ended December 31	
	1971	1970
	Israel pounds	
INCOME, see notes "J," "K," "L" and "N":		
Interest and commission	8,962,353	7,619,188
Linkage differences—on principal and interest—net	2,922,872	317,145
	<u>11,885,225</u>	<u>8,436,333</u>
EXPENSES:		
Financing:		
In connection with debentures and deposit in U.S. dollars:		
Interest	3,165,752	2,783,647
Premium for insurance of exchange differences, see notes "E" and "J"	1,695,101	1,958,608
Amortization of deferred charges—expenses incidental to issue of debentures and receipt of deposits, see note "E"	767,334	588,147
Other interest and financing expenses	586,866	516,270*
Administrative and general expenses:		
Salaries and employee benefits	233,133	209,536
Other (1970—including provision for doubtful debts—IL65,000)	392,131	387,980*
	<u>6,790,317</u>	<u>6,868,183</u>
	<u>5,094,908</u>	<u>2,168,151</u>
INCOME CREDITS RELATING TO PRIOR YEARS:		
Interest on overdue loans collected, note "L"	134,296	709,880
Adjustment in amortization of deferred charges—expenses incidental to issue of debentures		158,018
	<u>134,296</u>	<u>867,898</u>
INCOME BEFORE TAXES ON INCOME	<u>5,229,204</u>	<u>3,035,443</u>
TAXES ON INCOME:		
Current—after elimination of provision—IL112,354 (1970—IL79,301) for prior years' taxes no longer required	2,287,646	1,083,699
Deferred—carried to reserve for equalization of taxes on income, see note "G"	5,000	171,000
	<u>2,292,646</u>	<u>1,254,699</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>2,936,558</u>	<u>1,780,744</u>

"Independence" Mortgage and Development Bank Limited Balance Sheet at December 31, 1971

	December 31		Israel pounds
	1971	1970	
	Israel pounds		
ASSETS:			
LOANS RECEIVABLE—collateralized by mortgages or other securities, notes "B" and "L"	66,113,174	53,346,560	
DEPOSITS WITH ISRAEL TREASURY—linked to consumer price index	3,273,627	3,409,183	
AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE IN RESPECT OF INSURANCE OF EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES, NET OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS DUE, see note "H"	5,873,444	712,389	
CASH AT BANKS	712,389	517,565	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND PREPAYMENTS	53,119	198,998	
INVESTMENT IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES—at cost, note "C"	458,386	305,749	
OFFICE PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT—at cost, less accumulated depreciation, note "D"	615,749	624,604	
DEFERRED CHARGES—EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO ISSUE OF DEBENTURES AND RECEIPT OF DEPOSITS—less amortization, note "E"	1,913,156	1,507,990	
CONTRA ACCOUNTS—debtors for guarantees assumed	3,000	50,700	
	<u>82,016,044</u>	<u>59,755,873</u>	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:			
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:			
Share capital (registered shares), note "F"			5,625,000
Earned surplus:			
Revenue reserve			1,000,000
Retained earnings, per accompanying statement			182,346
			<u>6,807,346</u>
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF TAXES ON INCOME, note "G"			688,000
DEBENTURES AND DEPOSITS FOR GRANTING OF LOANS (secured)—see notes "A" and "H":			
Debentures (including current maturities)—\$10,831,250 (1970—\$11,958,750), including interest accrued			46,108,420
Deposits:			
In U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000), including interest accrued			17,258,500
Linked to consumer price index—secured on counterpart loans granted			8,082,033
			<u>71,448,953</u>
OTHER LIABILITIES:			
Debentures matured—principal and exchange differences—secured, see note "H"			10,719
Taxes on income, less advances			829,985
Other payables			2,218,041
			<u>3,058,745</u>
CONTRA ACCOUNTS—guarantees assumed			3,000
			<u>82,016,044</u>
			<u>59,755,873</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF "INDEPENDENCE" MORTGAGE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK LIMITED

We have examined the balance sheet of "Independence" Mortgage and Development Bank Limited at December 31, 1971 and the related statement of income and retained earnings for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly we have applied such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and retained earnings present fairly the financial position of the bank at December 31, 1971 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and comply with the requirements of the Securities (Preparation of Financial Statements) Regulations, 1969.

Tel Aviv, 26 January 1972

Kesselman & Kesselman

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1971

Note "A"—Linkage Terms
Receivables linked to the U.S. dollar and indebtedness repayable in U.S. dollars are stated at the official exchange rate in force as from August 22, 1971—\$1=IL4.50 (1970—\$1=IL3.50).
Receivables and indebtedness linked to the consumer price index are stated on basis of the November 1971 index (base: average 1964=100.0)—155.4 points (1970—November 1970 index—137.7 points).

Note "B"—Loans Receivable
Classified by linkage terms (see note "A"), as follows:

	December 31	
	1971	1970
	Israel pounds	
Linked to the U.S. dollar	7,085,816	6,586,101
Linked to the consumer price index, after deduction of IL165,000 (1970—IL165,000)—allowance for doubtful debts in respect of specific loans	12,763,158	13,644,601
Unlinked	46,264,200	33,115,845
	<u>66,113,174</u>	<u>53,346,550</u>

Note "C"—Investment in Government Securities
As follows:

	December 31	
	1971	1970
	Israel pounds	
Quoted securities—at cost (market value—IL216,760)		200,000
Payments on account	458,386	105,749
	<u>458,386</u>	<u>305,749</u>

Note "D"—Office Premises and Equipment
1. Cost of assets, segregated by major classifications, is as follows:

	Accumulated depreciation	Depreciated cost	December 31		
			1971	1970	
			Israel pounds		
Office premises (not yet registered in name of the bank)	453,500	2—10	22,724	430,776	447,406
Office furniture and equipment	188,807	6—10	49,033	139,774	122,959
Vehicles	60,265	15	15,066	45,199	54,239
	<u>702,572</u>		<u>86,823</u>	<u>615,749</u>	<u>624,604</u>

2. Depreciation has been provided by the straight-line method on basis of the estimated useful life of the assets, according to rates recognized by the income tax authority.

Note "E"—Deferred Charges—Expenses Incidental to Issue of Debentures and Receipt of Deposits:
1. As follows:

	December 31	
	1971	1970
	Israel pounds	
Amounts deferred:		
Total at beginning of year	5,552,282	5,079,782
Incurred during the year	1,172,500	472,500
Total at end of year	<u>6,724,782</u>	<u>5,552,282</u>
Less—amortization (see 2 hereafter):		
Total at beginning of year	4,044,292	3,508,145
For the year	767,334	538,147
Total at end of year	<u>4,811,626</u>	<u>4,044,292</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>1,913,156</u>	<u>1,507,990</u>

2. The policy of the bank is to amortize the above deferred charges according to a formula which takes into consideration the period of the debenture or deposit and the balances outstanding at the end of each year.

Note "F"—Share Capital
As follows:

	Authorized		Issued and paid	
	IL12.71	IL12.70	IL12.71	IL12.70
	Israel pounds		Israel pounds	
Ordinary shares of IL1 par value	10,000,000	6,000,000	5,625,000	4,500,000

Note "G"—Reserve for Equalization of Taxes on Income
Represents the tax effects of timing differences in reporting commission income for financial and tax purposes. The reserve has been calculated at the tax rate of 53.5%—the regular tax rate applicable to companies in force at the date of signature of this financial report.

Note "H"—Debentures and Deposits for Granting of Loans
The debentures are denominated in U.S. dollars, are secured by floating charges on all assets of the Bank and carry interest at the annual rate of 7% payable semi-annually in U.S. dollars. The deposit in U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000) is repayable semi-annually commencing February 1973 and carries interest at the annual rate of 9% payable semi-annually in U.S. dollars. Amounts outstanding in respect of debentures unmatured are as follows:

	Original amount		Amount outstanding	
	December 31, 1971	December 31, 1970	December 31, 1971	December 31, 1970
	U.S. dollars		U.S. dollars	
Series A 1965-73	4,000,000	*	1,000,000	
Series B 1965-73	4,000,000		1,000,000	
Series C 1966-74	4,000,000		1,500,000	
Series D 1968-77	2,500,000		1,408,250	
Series E 1968-78	2,000,000		1,375,000	
Series F 1970-79	2,000,000		1,625,000	
Series G 1971-82	2,000,000		1,800,000	
Series H 1972-83	2,000,000		2,000,000	
	<u>22,500,000</u>		<u>9,306,250</u>	<u>10,718,750</u>

Amount received on account of series I—1973-83 (1970—series H)

	1971	1970
	1,515,000	1,240,000
	<u>10,821,250</u>	<u>11,958,750</u>

* Repaid prior to maturity dates.

2. Stated in Israel pounds:

	December 31	
	1971	1970
	Israel pounds	
Original amount		
December 31, 1971	31,368,750	39,086,250
Balance of original amount outstanding		
Exchange differences	7,717,500	39,086,250
Total	<u>39,086,250</u>	<u>78,172,500</u>

3. Amounts outstanding, classified by years of maturity are as follows:

	December 31	
	1971	1970
	Israel pounds	
Payable within		
Debentures		
Deposit in U.S. dollars		
Deposits linked to consumer price index		
Debentures		
Deposits linked to consumer price index		
	<u>146,108,420</u>	<u>117,258,500</u>
	<u>6,135,000</u>	<u>142,47,520</u>
	<u>1,947,033</u>	<u>1,026,493</u>
	<u>15,092,033</u>	<u>17,761,493</u>

* Includes IL689,170—accrued interest (1970—IL601,895).
** Accrued interest.

The amounts obtained by the Bank from the proceeds of the issue of its debentures (or from deposit in U.S. dollars) and which have not been granted to borrowers as dollar-linked loans, have been insured with Tuvai, The Insurance Company of Israel, Ltd. against the risk of devaluation of the Israel pound.

Note "I"—Severance Pay
In consideration of current deposits regularly remitted by the Bank to "Taoz" Provident Fund for Employees affiliated to Bank Leumi Le-Israel H.M., the latter has assumed liability for severance pay to employees of the Bank.

Note "J"—Accounting Treatment of Linkage and Exchange Differences, and Premium Payable for Insurance of Exchange Differences and Insurance of Linkage and Exchange Differences (both collected and not yet collected) and linkage differences, exchange differences and insurance premium (both paid and not yet paid) have been netted against each other, the resulting balance having been charged to income.

Note "K"—Accounting Treatment of Commission Received on Granting of Loans
Commission received from the borrowers on granting of loans is treated as income in the year of granting of the loan. If such commission would be recognized as income over the average period of the respective loans, an accumulated amount of IL1,804,481 would have been treated as deferred income at December 31, 1971 (1970—IL1,295,715).

Note "L"—Interest on Overdue Loans Receivable
The amount of interest receivable but uncollected which had been charged to borrowers in respect of loans where not more than two instalments have been received from borrowers in two years, has been deducted in the financial statements from loans receivable and from interest income.

In 1971 the amount so deducted amounted to IL37,994 (1970—IL84,415). Out of amounts deducted in previous years a sum of IL134,296 (1970—IL709,280) has been restored to income in 1971 in respect of collections and presented among income credits relating to prior years.

Note "M"—Taxes on Income
Final tax assessments have been received through 1969.

Note "N"—Transactions with "Interested Parties":

- The Bank has been informed by the parent company, Fomento, Investment Corp. S.A. that at December 31, 1971 it held \$3,999,550 (1970—\$3,245,412.50) of the outstanding debentures of the Bank. It has also placed a deposit of \$4,000,000 with the Bank (see note "E").
- The Bank charged interest in respect of a loan granted to Fomento Ltd. (a subsidiary of the Bank's parent company) which came within the definition of an "interested party" as defined in the Securities (Preparation of Financial Statements) Regulations, 1969. The interest amounting to IL47,726 (1970—IL50,807) is included in income. The interest rate charged was 12% p.a. The loan amount outstanding at December 31, 1971 was IL235,682 (1970—IL731,963). The highest amount outstanding during 1971 was IL748,423.

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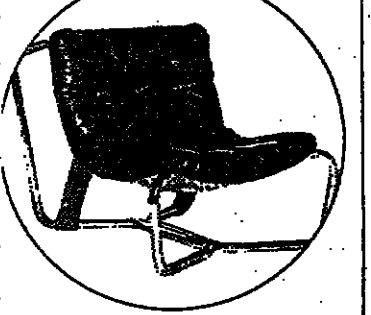


LONDON (EWF). — OVER the past few years increasing doubts have been expressed to whether we are producing the right kind of doctors for an expanding world population. It is being suggested by a number of health experts that the whole concept of the university-trained physician as the backbone of health services is out of date.

A recent challenging statement by the subject by Dr. Croft Long, American medical adviser in Latin America, has just appeared in the journal "Tropical Doctor." Dr. Long is critical of the medical pro-

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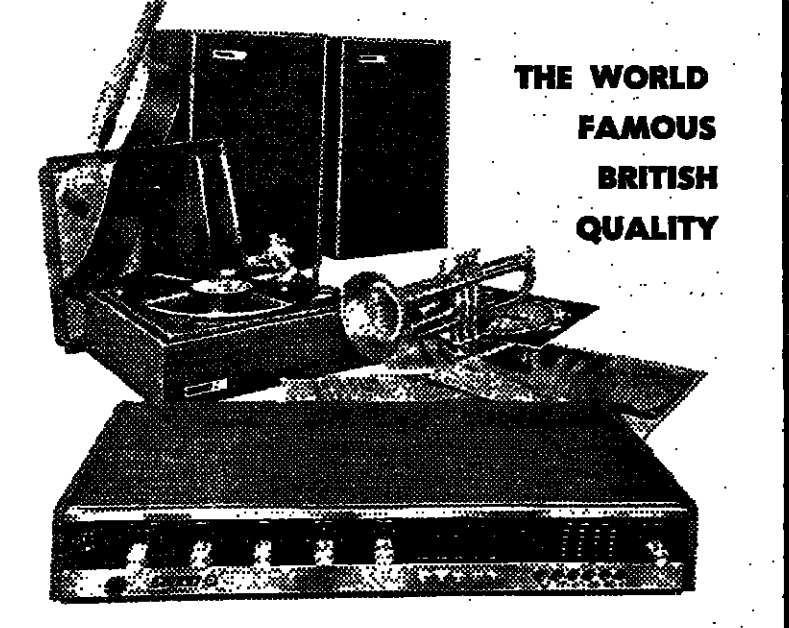


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Is the whole concept of the university-trained physician as the backbone of world health services now out of date? Suggestions to this effect are examined by JOHN ROWAN WILSON, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He says here that it may well be that in the use of "medicine without doctors" the developing countries are actually the leaders of a trend which will soon become universal.

Medical aides are of more use in developing countries

countryside is concerned. Research shows that in most developing countries it is usual for half the country's doctors to be concentrated in one or two large cities. The number of doctors per head of population in rural areas is consequently much less than for the country as a whole.

Crash schemes to train new doctors in the developing countries have proved ineffective. Only a limited number of students can be admitted each year for training, and population growth nowadays is such that at the end of six years the number of extra doctors is not even sufficient to cope with the increased number of patients in the countries concerned. The developing countries find themselves spending a large proportion of their scarce resources doing no more than standing still.

It has also been found that there is a considerable wastage among the doctors that are trained. Only a relatively small number of them end up in the country districts where they are really needed. They are lured away by the better financial rewards of private practice in the towns, or by the opportunity of emigrating to Western countries where the standard of living is higher.

Routine treatments

There is increasing evidence that elaborate medical training is not only uneconomic and self-defeating; it is also unnecessary. Medicine has changed out of all recognition in the last 20 years, mainly through the discovery of new drugs and vaccines. Diseases which were either intractable or required complicated medical attention can now be effectively dealt with by treatments which are so routine that they do not require a doctor to administer them. Modern medical science knows very well how to deal with tuberculosis, malaria, intestinal worms, and the nutritional diseases of infants. Trachoma blindness can be prevented by the administration of antibiotic drops and leprosy can be cured by taking a course of tablets. The problem is simply to get these discoveries of modern research to the people who need them.

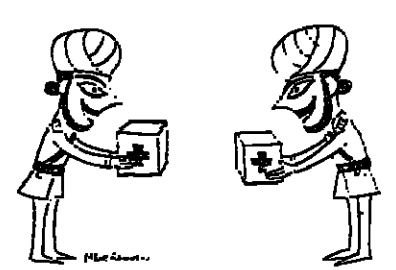
What is needed is a public health programme less allied to medicine and private consultation than to the

KEEPING POSTED

A GOOD many newspapers exchange their weekly magazines with us, and among our favourite reading is the Overseas "Hindustan Times." First of all, they have a nice pithy line in malice.

Amid the merry sounds of military-making up and down the State, Madhya Pradesh's greenhorn Chief Minister Prakash Chandra Sethi had nearly solved the problem of inflaming jealousies between new Ministers and the many disappointed candidates. Mr. Sethi retained 21 portfolios for himself.

THE same issue also has a picture of important-looking Indian and Pakistani representatives of the Indian Red Cross and Pakistani Red Crescent exchanging gifts for their



burners at every point which again meant extra expenditure.

During the monsoons, the flame at the top would automatically go off due to the rain. To prevent this the only alternative was the erection of a heat-proof glass dome around the flame. This would again mean taking a risk as continuous heat on the top could, in the long run, cause cracks on the India Gate.

But this was not the end of the problems. The memorial was taking up a lot of manpower too. A technician of the IOC had to be on duty round the clock and haul 12 gas cylinders to the top and bring down 12 empty ones daily. Two hundred and seven steps had to be ascended and descended for the purpose.

IT also turns out that what they refer to as "Nun-running" from Karala to Italian convents has not been ended. A BBC television team went to Pisa and when they could get no information from the Mother Superior at a convent they filmed one of the girls hanging out from a top floor window she was scrubbing. Formality and discretion persist in India.

The television documentary also quoted church leaders who had deplored the manner in which the girls, without proper understanding or mental make-up, were forced to part from parents in indigent circumstances into a career least suited for them.

However, they also quote a letter from the priest said to have paid parents for handing their daughters over to the convent, a man named Father Puthenpura. Regarding some correspondence he had with a Father Giovanni on the despatch of the girls to Italy.

Father Puthenpura said that he had known that the letter was a false one. However, he had replied to it, asking for details about the convent, which needed news and demanding that air fare be paid to the girls. "I did this just to fool Mr. Giovanni."

Altogether, 450 girls have been sold into slavery in this way. When they arrive at the convents, they are put on housework instead of being allowed to become nuns, and it is difficult for an Indian village girl to get away again from the convent on her own.

Of course there are also serious articles in the weekly, including

an interesting proposal for a "soft" frontier in Kashmir "which would give Pakistan something it knows it can never achieve by war, without prejudice to India's sovereignty, and security" and which sounds a little like what is happening on the Jordan River today.

WE were looking at an old copy of a wine supplement published by the London "Times." It noted that Britain nowadays imports wines



from a great many countries, including such unexpected ones as Ireland, Denmark and Zambia. The paragraph ends "Turning east, we buy Chinese rice wines as well as Japanese Sake. Old desert hands might be glad to know Israel has been sending Camel wines to London for many years."

Probably store it in their humps together with the water, if the truth were known.

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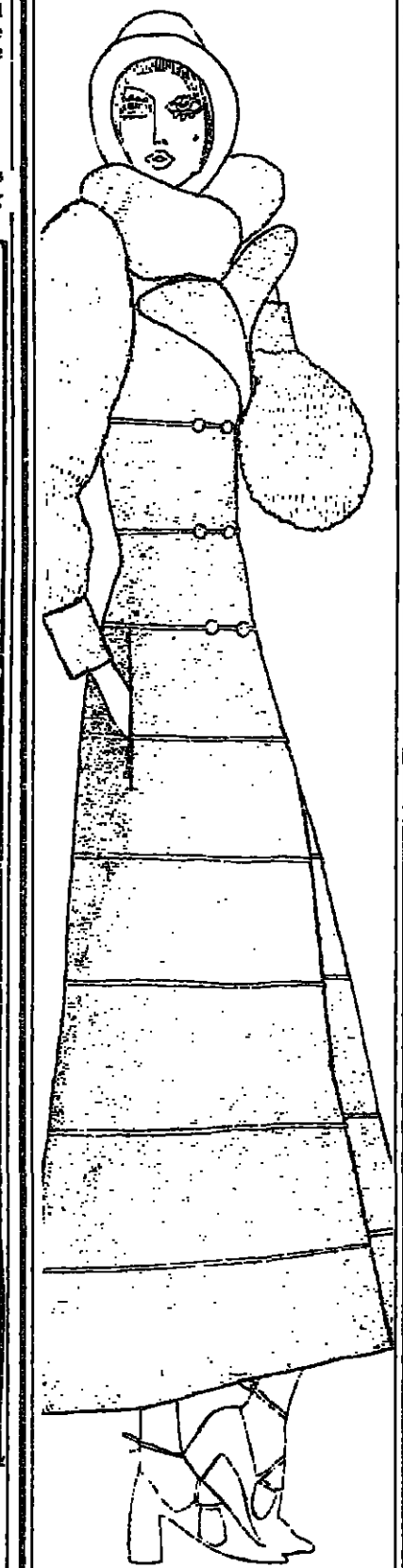
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Bank of Israel report to Government: Severe measures must be taken now to stem inflationary trend

(Continued from page one) ...of labour and other production costs. The necessary reduction could be effected ahead of time by making capital more expensive...



Moshe Sanbar

Short-Term Loan grew in the same period by almost IL2,500m., or 34.9 per cent. This rise has been caused by a huge capital inflow and by budget deficits...

Israel pound and the revaluation of the German mark. This money will pressure increasingly on the market. Excess purchasing power bears upon the balance of payments...

Further recommendations are that moderate wage policy agreed with the Histadrut be applied, else taxes will have to be raised; mortgage loans should be cut...

ALARMING RATE The survey explains that the means of payment have been increasing at an alarming rate. The bank of Israel is required by statute to report whenever their reserves over 15 per cent in a single year...

Hopes dashed for modernization Haifa Port foremen back out of work reorganization plan

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA — Hopes for modernization of Haifa Port, which was to have been initiated yesterday by reorganization of the foremen's work...

Workers' secretary Israel Garber expressed satisfaction at the bogging down of the scheme. When the Ports Authority took over four years ago (from the United Port Services Co.), he noted, it was agreed that no changes would be made in work arrangements without consulting the workers...

Price index up 2% in March

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter The Consumer Price Index rose 2 per cent in March, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Chief increase was in fresh vegetable prices, which went up by a unexpected 23.8 per cent...

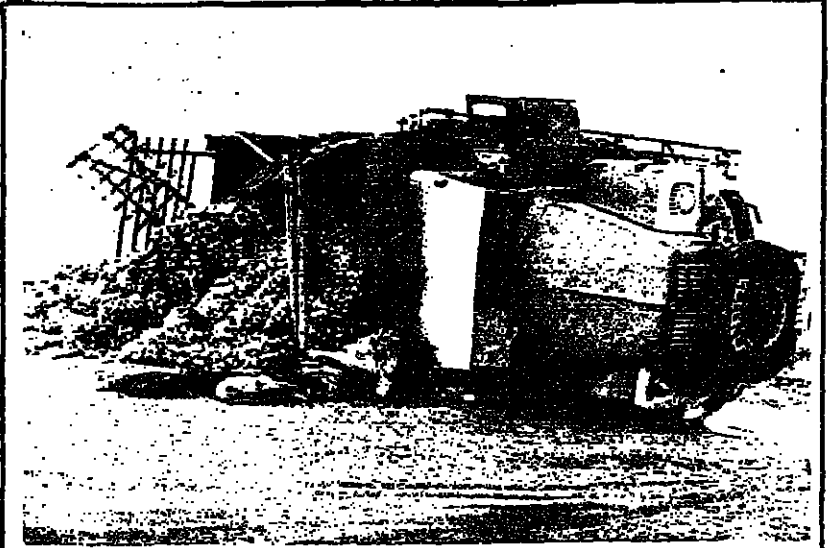
Histadrut bars Egged pay hike without its OK

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — The Egged Bus Cooperative may not raise its members' salary without Histadrut approval, the labour federation's Central Committee decided here yesterday...

Poseidon, Shubinsky ordered to pay note

TEL AVIV — Yitzhak Shubinsky, former head of Autocars, and Poseidon Shipping Company of Haifa are being sued for IL150,000, for non-payment of a promissory note...

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Sacks of onions blocked traffic on the Negev road near Nahal Zin yesterday, when this truck overturned. One of the two drivers was slightly hurt in the mishap.

Mekorot in second bid for Kinneret pumping station

Jerusalem Post Reporter TIBERIAS — The Northern District Planning and Building Commission yesterday began a rehearing of the Mekorot application for a permit to build a pumping station on the southern shore of Lake Kinneret...

for its plant, which is to pump the water 350 metres up through a 18-inch pipeline to the Mevo Hamuna reservoir, from where it will be distributed to all the settlements in the area.

T.A. Mayor raps 'biased' TV show on 'L' Plan flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — Mayor Yehoshua Rabinovitch has sent an official memorandum of protest to Broadcasting Authority chairman Walter Eytan...

He said he was convinced that Justice Witkon and the third Commission member, Mr. Avraham Kalir, had erred in their conclusions, and drew encouragement from the fact that Aluf Zorea had filed a minority report...

Court declares therapist needs therapy himself

TEL AVIV — The District Court here yesterday declared a clinical psychologist "psychologically unfit" himself, and forbade him to continue to practise his profession...

T.A. pools raise entrance fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — The popular swimming pools in town, including the Gordon and Gall pools, have hiked entrance fees for adults. This year it will cost IL2.50 to take a dip in the pool...

Car-bombing suspect released

TEL AVIV — The District Court, denying an appeal by police against the decision of a lower court, yesterday ordered the release of a Holi bus driver suspected of blowing up the car of a police sergeant...

25th anniversary of Hamashbir Department store chain predicts IL100m. volume

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — Hamashbir Lutzarchan department stores and their three consumer cooperative supermarkets look forward to a turnover of IL100m. this year, general manager Rafael Marinov told the press here yesterday...

Newcomers move into soldiers' R & R centre

ACRE — The Soldiers' Welfare Association's vacation centre in Acre, which has been serving soldiers' rest and recreation needs for the past few years, has been turned into an immigrant absorption centre...

Technion scientist gets U.S.A.F. grant

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA — The U.S. Air Force has granted IL84,000 to Dr. Moshe Ziv of the Aeronautical Engineering Faculty of the Technion, to study the effects of impact on solid materials and structures...

Immigrant fund surpasses IL25m.

TEL AVIV — More than IL25m. has been contributed so far to the Immigrant Absorption Voluntary Fund, which was launched recently under the patronage of Premier Golda Meir.

Foreign Exchange

Table showing foreign exchange rates: Dollar 2.6089/93 per £, DM 3.1765/75 per £, Swiss Fr. 3.8570/25 per £, Yen 302.40/90 per \$...

Friedman exonerated in Witkon report

(Continued from page one) Knesset that he had prepared the outline of new legislation to give the Government Corporations Authority new powers. He had circulated the outline among Government departments involved preparatory to tabling the draft in the Cabinet for approval, Mr. Shapiro said.

There had been cases of witnesses giving conflicting testimony on the same issues, he noted. Just as the authors of the majority report had decided to believe those favourable to Mr. Friedman, it was his right, he said, to draw his own conclusions from the hearing...

105 candidates register in Judean towns

By ANAN SAFADI Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter One hundred and five candidates for municipal office registered yesterday, the first day of filling in Judea. Registration continues through tomorrow evening...

The candidates filing yesterday included several incumbent mayors — Mr. Elias Bandak of Bethlehem, Mr. Hail Moussa of Ramallah, Mr. Jabra Khamis of Beit Jalla and Mr. Abdul-Jawad Saleh of El-Bireh, who until Saturday night insisted he would not run.

Haifa residents protest bad road

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA — Some 300 residents of Kiryat Frostig blocked the road leading from the Haifa Bay industrial zone to their suburb last night. They were protesting against the bad state of the road, which has caused many accidents in the past...

Police, who quickly arrived at the scene, managed to cool tempers, and persuaded the residents to unblock the road.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market irregular; C-o-L bonds up 1.0

Table of stock prices for various companies and indices, including 5% Dear Sea Junior, 5% Electric Corp. Tranche A, etc.

MOADON HAOLER, HAIFA announces that, due to unforeseen circumstances, tonight's lecture by Mr. Sol Seruya on 'The Sephardi Problem in Israel' Has Been Cancelled !!!

Table showing market statistics: C-o-L bonds up 1.0, Foreign Exchange rates, etc.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to light drizzle. Yesterday's temperature.

Municipality	High	Low
Jerusalem	58	44-48
Golan	60	46-50
Haifa	51	37-41
Nablus	54	39-43
Beit Shean	52	38-42
Fibersia	50	36-40
Yotvata	68	48-52
Yotvata	58	38-42
Asula	37	23-27
Shomron	49	33-37
Tel Aviv	50	34-38
Lot	48	32-36
Jericho	29	13-17
Gaza	70	54-58
Beerseha	39	24-28
Suez	59	43-47
Tiran	58	42-46

ARRIVALS

Sir Basil Engholm, permanent secretary of the British Ministry of Agriculture, and Lady Engholm, accompanied by Mrs. E.S.G. Smith, a senator of the British Agriculture Ministry.

Poher leaves 'optimistic'

LOD AIRPORT. — The President of the French Senate, Mr. Alain Poher, left for home last night at the end of a week's visit, expressing optimism concerning future relations between France and Israel.

Mr. Poher told reporters at the airport he believed his visit here, and talks he had with many Government and Knesset officials, will contribute to improvement in the two countries' relations. As President of the Senate, he said he knows for a fact that some 250 of the French Senate's 220 members are friends of Israel, which proves that the people of France are by and large friendly to this country. He said he believed mistakes were made in the formulation of France's policy toward Israel, and he and his friends would hold talks with French Government officials upon their return, to clarify these, (Tim)

Bolivian F.M. leaves for home

LOD AIRPORT. — The Bolivian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mario Gutierrez, left Israel yesterday after a week-long visit, saying he had acquired a "much better understanding" of Israel's problems and had agreed for security.

Dr. Gutierrez met, during his visit, with Prime Minister Golda Meir and with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. He and Mr. Eban signed a pact for technical and economic cooperation between Israel and Bolivia. (Tim)

Memorial Day starts tonight; 2-minute silence tomorrow a.m.

Jerusalem Post Staff

A one-minute siren blast at 7.30 tonight will usher in Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers of the I.D.F.

At the sound of the sirens, President Zalman Shazar will kindle the memorial torch in the Western Wall Plaza. The ceremony will be attended by the Chief of Staff and 30 representatives of the bereaved families. One of the bereaved mothers will hand the torch to the President, who, after kindling the torch, will deliver his address. An army chaplain will recite Psalms, and a bereaved father will say the Yiskor prayer. At that moment, the flag will be lowered to half-mast in all army camps, and memorial torches will be lit.

The 17-minute ceremony will be broadcast and televised. The Chief of Staff is to broadcast a special message at 8 p.m.

In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Golda Meir will take part in the City's central memorial rally at the Mann Auditorium tonight, with families of the fallen soldiers in the audience.

Tomorrow morning, parades will be held at six camps, and following a bugle call, the Yiskor and the El Mizmor Hebrew prayers will be recited. Commanding officers will read the Chief of Staff's Order of the Day, and the parade will conclude with a march-past. Special prayers will be recited in synagogues during the morning services.

At 10 a.m., a siren blast will signal for two minutes of silence throughout the country. At the sound of the siren, citizens will stop and their passengers will descend. In Jerusalem, President Shazar will review an Honour Guard in Bar Kochba Square. At 6 p.m., youths will march from Davidska Square to Bar Kochba Square.

At the same time, memorial services will be held by members of youth movements and Gadsa at the sites of 15 monuments: Yehiam, Neta Tusha, Ein Zeitim, Kabatyia Junction, Marcus, Hulda, Nativ Hamed-Heh, Givat Kohav, Bir Asulj, Huleikat, Be'eri and Ashdod.

At 10:05, Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Yigal Allon will broadcast to schoolchildren in school assemblies around the country.

Memorial services will take place in 12 military cemeteries at 11 a.m., instead of the customary 1 p.m. The Prime Minister and the Chief of Staff will attend the ceremony on the Mount of Olives, while the Minister of Defence will be with the bereaved parents on Mount Herzl. The memorial service for Druze soldiers will be held in Isfya, in the presence of the Minister of Agriculture.

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A memorial for the fallen of the navy will be held in Haifa at 6.15 p.m., at the War Memorial at Moshiah Square on Mount Carmel, followed by a torchlight procession of the youth movements.

In Tel Aviv, thousands of youngsters will gather at Gan Ha'atzmaut for a memorial rally, and wreaths will be placed on the military graves at the Nahlat Yitzhak and Kiryat Shaul cemeteries.

Some 2,000 Holon teenagers will gather for a memorial rally at the pillbox Independence War fortification atop the Tel Gibeon hill, overlooking the entrance to town. This was one of the major defensive posts of the region during the war. A central rally for the town's fallen will take place at the monument across from City Hall at 8.30 p.m. tonight.

Thousands will gather at Bat Yam's Kikar Hamegimim for a memorial rally for the handful of fighters who held back attacking Arabs from Jaffa at that site.

This year, for the first time, memorial torches will burn all night outside public institutions.

Memorial Day will end with a one-minute siren blast at 6.59 p.m. tomorrow night. The blast will also usher in Independence Day.

Communities throughout Israel have already made most of the preparations for the Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities, with cities' streets receiving a "dressing up" of flags and ornaments.

Jerusalem, in spite of budgetary cuts, has already decorated the main streets with flags, and golden lighting orbs decorate the downtown area.

Haifa has also strung light garlands, and flags are displayed in many locations. Entertainment stages have been set up in Gan Ha'atzmaut and in the city's football stadium.

Tel Aviv has strung up decorative lights and flags from Rehov Arlosoroff in the north to Rehov Bograchov in the south, and from Rehov Ben Yehuda to Rehov Weizmann. The area will be closed to traffic on the Eve of Independence Day, and the lights will be turned on each night through April 22.

Ramat Gan will add to its decorations many items left over from the city's 50th anniversary celebrations last year, to produce a most colourful display. Ramat Gan will also help to decorate Kiryat Arba for the festivities.

Eban to meet Rogers in U.S. on Friday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban is due to meet U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers in Washington on Friday. Mr. Eban's visit to the U.S. was approved by the Cabinet yesterday.

Mr. Eban is going to Washington to participate in a convention of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, and was invited to meet Mr. Rogers during his visit there.

The AIPAC is a lobbying organization maintained by American Jewish bodies. The convention will honour Mr. I.L. Keren, head of the AIPAC.

Mr. Eban will be accompanied by Mr. Ephraim Evron, Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry for North American Affairs, and Mr. Eytan Bensur, the Minister's political secretary.

Vows to strengthen Gahal Rimalt voted chief of Liberal Party

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Elimelech Rimalt was elected chairman of the Liberal Party yesterday, thereby becoming co-chairman of Gahal, Israel's main opposition party. Until now he was in the number-two job as party executive chairman.

The motion was adopted unanimously by the Liberal Party Council. Dr. Rimalt, 68, who was Minister of Posts in the National Unity Coalition, succeeds the late Yosef Saphir. He is also chairman of the Knesset Education Committee.

Contrary to earlier predictions, the opposition faction did not register any dissent; and its leader, Mr. Zvi Zimmerman, M.K., added his vote for Dr. Rimalt. The Liberal Party Central Committee is due to meet at the end of the month to elect a successor to Dr. Rimalt in the post of party executive chairman. The only candidate in view is Mr. Simha Erlich, M.K.

Dr. Rimalt, in his acceptance speech, promised continuity in the efforts to make Gahal stronger — "from the main opposition force to the alternative to the present government, capable of forming a new something that can happen overnight, but it is a draw-out process," and hoped for a new chapter in Gahal relations — in an apparent reference to the impending talks with Herut on the future of their electoral bloc. Explaining his political credo, Dr. Rimalt said the party must reassert its ideology, which combines liberalism with the precepts of general Zionism.

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President Zalman Shazar, addressing a memorial meeting for the late Ya'acov Herzog last night. The meeting, at Jerusalem's Beit Agron, drew an unusually large crowd of persons who had come to commemorate the 30th day of the death of the former Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office. They included Prime Minister Golda Meir, Cabinet Members, Members of Knesset, Jewish Agency Executive members and other public figures. On Mr. Shazar's left, wearing a yarmulke, is Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is on the far right. (Tim)

AID to guarantee \$100m. in housing loans to Israel

By DAVID KRIVINE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

AID (the U.S. Agency for International Development) has agreed in principle to guarantee housing loans for Israel to the tune of \$100m., in addition to \$50m. already concluded two months ago.

This news is the occasion of a visit by Mr. Stanley Baruch, head of AID's Housing Division, who arrived in Israel yesterday. He will examine how the loan money already

issued (\$25m.) has been used, and will discuss plans for disposing of the rest.

The second \$25m. should be available before the end of the present fiscal year, according to Mr. Moshe Mann, head of Tefahot Bank, to which the credit is advanced. The money has been supplied by two American financial houses, the Federal Home Loan Banks of New York and Boston.

Next week, Mr. Bryce Curry, president of the New York bank, and Mr. K.H. Meyers, president of the Boston bank, will join Mr. Baruch in Israel. The loan they have sponsored are for 25 years, at 7.5 per cent interest, plus 0.5 per cent to AID for its guarantee.

Long-term foreign-currency credits of this kind are not contrary to Government policy, Mr. Mann assured *The Jerusalem Post* last night — since they are for social housing. "The \$50m. will help purchasers of 11,000 housing units, not one of which is priced at over \$167,000," he said. Recipients are mainly new immigrants, young couples, slum-dwellers, and members of the Arab minority.

Car expenses to remain deductible

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Car expenses will continue to be tax-deductible, approximately as they are today. This decision was taken by the Ministerial Economic Committee last night.

Any person using his car or tender for genuine business reasons may deduct up to 75 per cent of all expenses, including licence fee, insurance, property tax, depreciation, repairs and maintenance, as well as petrol.

For firms and organizations that charge up their employees' car expenses according to distance travelled, the Treasury will work out how much may be allowed per kilometre. "It will certainly not be less than the sum allowed in the civil service, and may even be a little more," stated Mr. Yaacov Tamir, the Income Tax Commissioner.

Import duties cut on 420 items

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Tariffs will be cut today on 420 products, constituting between them a total yearly import of \$150m., according to the official spokesmen of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Department and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The cuts will range from 3 to 15 per cent, and they average five per cent. This constitutes Stage Three of the import liberalization programme launched in 1969. Reductions are made annually, with the aim of reaching an effective exchange-rate of 12.5 to the dollar by 1975.

But discussions are under way for hastening the process, following recommendations by the Governor of the Bank of Israel, reporting on the means of payment yesterday. Tariffs cuts are deflationary and reduce prices, Mr. Elyahu Attieh, spokesman of the Commerce Ministry, pointed out last night.

Among items affected by the new tariff changes are imported footwear, shirts and woollen garments, whose duty falls by 10 per cent. Duties on cloth are pared by 5-10 per cent, depending on the classification.

WHITE HOUSE TALK

Mr. Baruch was invited to the White House recently where he gave information about these credits to Jewish pressmen. He will meet Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir during his current 10-day stay, as well as Mr. Zeev Soref, Minister of Housing, and Mr. Moshe Sambar, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

"Once the guarantee for another \$100m. is formally extended, we shall have to scout around for lending institutions in the United States," Mr. Mann explained. This money also will go for housing loans, through Tefahot and other commercial banks.

'No comment' in J'lem on Rumanian mediation reports

By BONNIE HOPE

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Jerusalem officials yesterday declined to comment on reports that Egypt had suggested that Rumania mediate between Israel and Egypt on the opening of the Suez Canal. The Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. George Macovescu, is believed to have reported the suggestion to Premier Golda Meir at their meeting on Friday.

Asked about the reports, the Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to add anything to the official statement issued after the meeting, which said that "international and bilateral subjects of mutual interest" were covered. However, because of the fact that Mrs. Meir agreed to confer with a Deputy Foreign Minister alone, observers believe that it was not a routine meeting.

The spokesman also declined to speculate on what Israel would reply, if the reports were indeed true. But in the light of past policy statements, observers assumed that Mrs. Meir would have said that "Israel welcomed the good offices of third parties in getting the sides together for negotiations, but mediation attempts have not proved effective."

Beersheba couples get flats — and jail

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Most of the young couples who staged a sit-down and hunger strike in front of the Beersheba City Hall demanding housing were given apartments yesterday. Two of the couples, assigned to Ofakim, refused to accept apartments, and were arrested following a disturbance in the regional Housing Ministry offices.

The Ministry's regional director, Mr. Zvi Oren, told *The Jerusalem Post* he would contact police last night in an effort to get them released, and would try to find a solution to their problem. He conceded that the Meshke Ezer quarter in Beersheba, to which the couples were originally assigned, was not an appropriate neighbourhood, and he could not blame the "decent young couples" for refusing to live there.

Unidentified woman killed crossing street

RAMLE. — Police have asked the public to help identify a woman of about 65, who was killed near here Friday afternoon; she was struck by an automobile as she was crossing the main road opposite the entrance to Assaf Harofeh Hospital. Police said the woman was clad in beige-coloured clothes and was carrying a red plastic bag that contained a German-language newspaper.

Asked by Mr. Eban why Mr. Ceaucescu had conferred with terrorist leader Yasser Arafat, Mr. Macovescu is reported to have dismissed this meeting as totally insignificant.

Commenting on Rumania's belief that Egypt is ready for a political solution to the Middle East dispute, Mr. Eban said that President Sadat's statements could not be re-

Property owners get three-year breathing spell

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Nobody will pay more property tax on his premises in the next three years, and many people will pay less, according to a decision taken by the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday.

The committee adopted the reform recommended by the Asher Committee. Henceforth the tax will be based on current market value, as it was on October 1 preceding the fiscal year in question.

According to Mr. Doer Staub, Deputy Director of Income Tax, valuations for this year have already been made. Persons whose home is valued at less than IL40,000 will be tax exempt. This comprises 240,000 units.

The tax is 0.7 per cent of net value, after deducting IL30,000. (For business premises, the rate is 1.5 per cent.) This leaves another 250,000 flats which will be charged the same tax as now, or less.

SOME TO PAY MORE

They are 50,000 persons who will pay more — but not for the coming three years. After that, the new rate will be introduced in stages, one-fifth each year over a five-year period.

Any person who acquired a flat in 1971 will be assessed under the new system, but will pay only one-third of the figure during the coming three years. The tax will subsequently go up in equal stages over the following five years.

The Finance Minister will publish regulations granting compensation for war damage for premises and their contents, Mr. Staub added. The tax (and the compensation for war damage) will also apply to buildings under construction.

The reform will cost the Treasury IL20m., plus another IL6m. from the three-year freeze. If the bill is passed, the new system will come into force retroactively from April 1 of this year.

Tumultuous reception for The Saint

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Well over 3,000 people — mainly children — cramped each other at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'oma last night to catch a glimpse of British TV star Roger Moore or, as he is known to millions the world over — The Saint. Incidentally they also attended a pre-Independence Day entertainment programme at which Mr. Moore and his wife were the guests of honour.

At what must have been one of the noisiest functions at the hall since the Zionist Congress, Mr. Moore was handed a gold cup by Jerusalem's Mayor, Teddy Kollek, who expressed satisfaction at the fact that Moore had come home "to the city of the saints."

The Mayor, fighting hard to be heard above the general hysteria, said that Moore should have come to Jerusalem in 15 months' time when Mayoral elections would be held.

The Saint thanked Mr. Kollek for "his kind words," managed *Shalom* and *Lehavin*, when the hall erupted into pandemonium.

Not a seat was vacant in the huge auditorium, and hundreds of persons appeared to have entered without tickets. Tickets specifying rows and seat numbers were useless and users just shrugged and smiled at irate ticket-holders some of whom had paid IL20 for a seat.

In addition to the huge audience, the auditorium and the area around Binyanei Ha'oma was filled with the Capital's police force.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL
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REMEMBRANCE DAY for the Fallen of Zahal 5732

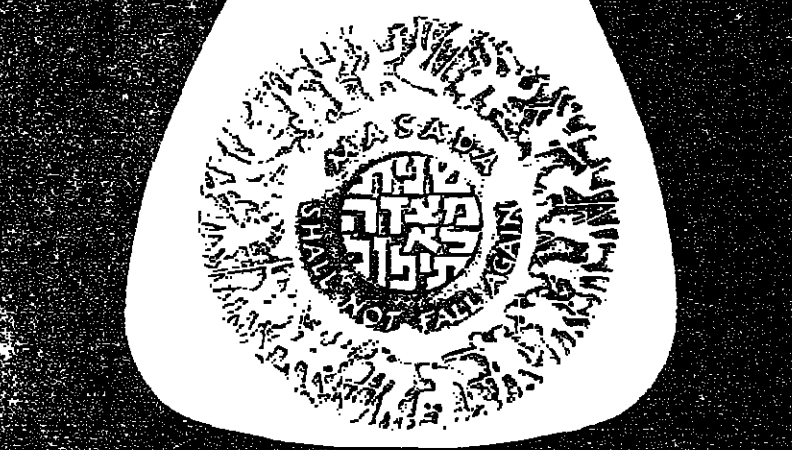
Iyar 4, April 18, 1972

Today, Monday, eve of Iyar 4 — April 17, 1972

- 19.30 — Sirens usher in Remembrance Day
- Flags lowered to half-mast
- Lighting of Memorial Light at the Western Wall by the President of the State
- Selection from Psalms, Kiddish Prayer
- El Male Rahamim (to be broadcast by Israel Broadcasting, Army Programs and Television)
- Lighting of Hebrew-Remembrance candles in all homes
- Remembrance Day assemblies organized by local councils

- 20.05 — Remembrance Day address by the Chief of Staff (broadcast over Israel Broadcasting and Army Programs) Tuesday, Iyar 4, April 18, 1972

- 07.00 — Lighting of Memorial Lights at Military Cemeteries
- 07.15 — Memorial services in synagogues
- 09.50 — Address by representative of the bereaved families (Israel Broadcasting)
- 10.00 — The President of Israel reviews an honour guard by defenders of Jerusalem at Bar Kochba Square
- 10.00 — Sirens announce minute of silence
- Youth and Gadsa members pay tribute to the Fallen of Zahal near Memorials
- 10.05 — Address to schools by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture (Israel Broadcasting)
- Youth and Gadsa assemblies in schools and educational institutions
- 11.00 — Memorial services at Military Cemeteries and Military sections of cemeteries
- 15.00 — Thanksgiving Prayer on Mt. Herzl
- 18.59 — Sirens announce end of the Remembrance Day



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Funeral of Netanyahu's first hotelier

NETANYA. — Funeral services were held here yesterday for Mrs. Gittel Greenstein, 95, who together with her husband opened the first hotel in this seaside city in 1934. The Greensteins came to this country from Russia in 1925, established a restaurant in Jerusalem, and then moved to Netanya. (Tim)

A YUGOSLAVIAN passenger ship, the *Livunija*, carrying 180 tourists, docked in Haifa last night for a one-day visit, after calling at Beirut and Alexandria. The ship will stay until tonight, and the tourists will visit Jerusalem during the day.

STATE OF ISRAEL
Ministry of Defence — Rehabilitation Department

We announce to the public that, starting this year, the memorial assemblies at Military Cemeteries on Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Zahal, will be held earlier than in previous years.

The memorial assemblies will be held on Iyar 4, 5732 (April 18, 1972) at 11 a.m.

Department for the Perpetuation of the Memory of the Fallen.

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Remembrance Day

It is the day on which the people of Israel remember their dear ones who have fallen in the battles of Israel, and pay tribute to their heroism. Today, Monday, Iyar 4 5732 of the State, Mr. Solman Shazar, will inaugurate the Memorial Light at the Western Wall. We appeal to all Israel to light at that time memorial candles in their homes to the sacred memory of all those who heroically gave their lives in the battles of Israel for the honour of the nation and the sanctity of the land.